



Mostly Mutts Volunteer Release Form For Adults (18 and Over)

I, _____, hereby agree to volunteer for Mostly Mutts Animal Rescue and Adoption, Inc. I understand that this involves working with various animals and MM does not always know the animal's history. I may be photographed or videotaped from time to time at various activities while volunteering at Mostly Mutts. I hereby grant Mostly Mutts the right to use and publish in print and/or electronically photographs of myself, family, and children.

I will be fully responsible for my safety, and I hereby release Mostly Mutts, its officers, directors, employees and other volunteers from any and all claims, demands and actions arising out of my participation as a volunteer. I have read and agree to the rules below.

Signature _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

DO'S AND DONT'S:

Please ask questions if you do not understand the below.

GENERAL

- Please wear casual clothing that you wouldn't mind if stained. Please also dress appropriately for the weather, as you will be outside most, if not all of the time.
- Do not wear hoop earrings or open toe shoes. (Safety reasons) Please make sure shoes have a back so your shoe would stay on should you need to run.
- NEVER be afraid to ask for help!!!
- NEVER offer to take an animal from someone and assume Mostly Mutts will accept it.

SAFETY

- PLEASE use good judgement when using cell phones (including texting) during your shift as it does not allow your full attention on the dogs.
- DO NOT walk dogs that you think you cannot control or are not comfortable with.
- ALWAYS be careful when more than one dog cross paths during a walk or are in the same area. No nose to nose greetings. You can't assume that they are all friendly with each other.
- DO NOT put toys or bones in pens where there are two or more adult dogs.
- DO NOT RUN AFTER A LOOSE DOG...get in front of him and redirect him back towards the shelter.
- Protect yourself from harm. NEVER assume a dog will NOT bite.
- Create good safety habits: Use your non-dominant hand to greet a dog and NEVER put your face near a dog's mouth.

DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC

- People are not allowed to hold/touch/pet the puppies unless they are approved for adoption.
- Children MUST BE SITTING DOWN when holding puppies.
- Refer potential adopters to adoption counselors.
- Share concerns about potential adopters with adoption counselors...DISCREETLY!
- Be professional - DO NOT talk negatively about the public, volunteers, the animals, or Mostly Mutts.
- DO NOT promise anyone an animal...they must get "approved".
- DO NOT share with the public reasons why Mostly Mutts refuses adoptions.
- No smoking near the building or anywhere near the dogs!

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS (CSH)

- CSH will only be granted for completed shifts. Please arrive on time and plan to stay for the duration of your shift.
- If you do not work during your shift, you will not receive credit hours.
- If you need a form signed for CSH, it is your responsibility to request it at the completion of your shift.
- Please note: Mostly Mutts has the right to ask you to leave or dock your volunteer hours if the above listed rules are not followed.

MOSTLY MUTTS GREATLY APPRECIATES YOUR HELP!!