



Pets Alive Westchester Animal Sanctuary
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General and Specific Release for Volunteers

I agree to the following:

1. **I am here of my own volition.** No one has nor will demand that I participate in any activity at Pets Alive West Animal Sanctuary (“Sanctuary”). My Role at the sanctuary is as a member of a support group and will look to a staff member for direction when I have completed any task.
2. **I have read and will obey all safety rules and regulations of the sanctuary.** In the interest of the safety of the animals, staff and volunteers I acknowledge that the sanctuary has the right to revoke volunteer privileges if these rules and regulations are not followed.
3. **I will be participating in varied activities, which will include constant or intermittent interaction with animals.** I will be participating in a variety of support activities that could also include maintenance and/or repair of various facilities within the sanctuary. I understand there may be certain risks involved in working with animals. These include, but are not limited to being bitten, kicked, clawed, tripped and possibly exposed to zoonotic diseases.
4. **I will disclose any physical or psychological limitations to the staff before participating in any activity.** Since I will be interacting with animals, both healthy and sick, big and small and may also be lifting, carrying, moving or otherwise engaging in physical labor, I will be respectful of my limitations and inform the staff immediately of those limitations.
5. **I will not be compensated for my efforts nor am I an agent or contractor of the sanctuary.** The sanctuary is a nonprofit corporation qualified under the laws of the State of N.Y. As such, the sanctuary is grateful for the assistance provided by volunteers like me who are willing to perform varied tasks for free. I will refer all visitors or persons seeking to conduct any business at the sanctuary to a staff member.
6. **I will be legally and financially responsible and will indemnify and hold the sanctuary harmless from my own acts and omissions relating to the service I am voluntarily providing to the sanctuary.**
7. **In exchange for the privilege of participating in the activities at the sanctuary, I agree that neither I nor my family, nor any legal guardian, heir**

or assignee will sue or make a claim against the sanctuary or attach the property of the sanctuary for the death, injury or damage resulting from any act or omission, whether the injury or the damage occurs by act of negligence or any other act by human, by physical condition of the property or by animal. I understand that I am releasing the sanctuary from all claims, demands or actions that I, my family, my heirs or any legal guardian, assignee or legal representative may have now or may have in the future for any death, injury or damage resulting from my participation in the activities at the sanctuary.

8. **I am fully aware that I am assuming any and all risks associated with the activities at the sanctuary.** I am fully aware that there are many risks and dangers involved in participation in the activities at the sanctuary and I agree to accept the consequences of such risk, including, but not limited to the risk of injury, death and damage to personal property. If I do not fully understand the risks, I will consult with a staff member immediately. **If I do understand the risks associated with my participation, I will verify that I do understand the risks by placing my initials here: _____.**
9. **Any controversy or claim relating to this Release Agreement will be settled in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association.** Judgment on the award as rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction over the award.
10. **This Release Agreement pertains to my current visit as well as to all future visits.**
11. **This Release Agreement will be governed by and interpreted by the laws of the State of N.Y.**
12. **I have read the Release Agreement and fully understand that I will relinquish all claims or actions known now or in the future against Pets Alive West Animal Sanctuary.** I am of legal age and legally competent to sign this agreement. I am signing this document of my own free will without the influence of a Pets Alive West Animal Sanctuary staff member.

Name (Please Print) _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Volunteer Acknowledgement of safety rules

I have read, understand and will follow the safety rules for the areas listed below. Please check those that are applicable:

General guidelines

Dog area-Cat area-Rabbit area

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Number: _____