



San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium

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SFCCC/VET SOS VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

In Case of Emergency, notify: _____ Ph: _____

Education: Level: _____ Degree: _____

Profession: _____ Professional License #: _____

Employer's name/address/phone: _____

Authorization to contact for public relations yes no

Experience, skills, hobbies: _____

Languages: speak _____ read _____ write _____

Car available? yes no Driver's License #: _____

Volunteer Experience: _____

Health (any physical limitations?): _____

Organization Memberships: _____

Are you willing to foster a VET SOS client's cat/dog for a period of up to two weeks, if the situation arose? yes no cat dog both

Please complete this application and email it to vetsos@sfccc.org or mail it to:

**1550 Bryant St. Suite 450
San Francisco, CA 94103.**

Also include a cover letter stating why you are interested in becoming a VET SOS Volunteer and a resume.

Volunteer Signature

Date

Rabies and Tetanus Waiver

Although not required, all VET SOS volunteers who work in direct contact with any animals are encouraged to obtain and remain current on their Tetanus and Rabies vaccinations. Please read and sign the following waiver:

“I understand that because I will be handling animals, it is important to discuss these vaccinations with my physician. I release VET SOS from all responsibility regarding my decision, and I understand that whatever decision I make is at my own risk.”

Volunteer Signature

Date

Print Name

VET SOS Volunteer Agreement

VET SOS Mission

Veterinary Street Outreach Services (VET SOS) is a volunteer-based project providing free veterinary care for the companion animals of homeless San Franciscans. VET SOS is operated by the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium (SFCCC), a private non-profit agency, and works in collaboration with five community animal service organizations. Founded in 2001, VET SOS aims to improve the health of companion animals of homeless San Franciscans, decrease the spread of infectious disease, reduce pet overpopulation, foster the human-animal bond, and champion the welfare of homeless pet guardians and animals in San Francisco.

VET SOS Policy Overview

VET SOS is a provider of free veterinary care as well as healthcare outreach to homeless San Franciscans living with companion animals. The delivery of services is largely accomplished through the good works of community volunteers who are committed to the mission and concerned about animals and homeless individuals. VET SOS volunteers extend respect and regard to all individuals during the course of their VET SOS work.

VET SOS Expectations

VET SOS will provide

- Screening and approval of all volunteers
- Enrollment of all volunteers in insurance coverage as appropriate
- Screening and approval of all clients
- Initial volunteer orientation, including health and safety overview, general understanding of homeless individuals, their companion animals, and the relationship between the two, introduction to VET SOS services, and position-specific training
- On-going supervision & support to help all volunteers successfully execute their volunteer roles
- Advance volunteer scheduling
- Appropriate supplies for all volunteer positions, as determined by VET SOS Project Coordinator

Volunteer Expectations

Volunteers will

- Make a one year commitment to work with VET SOS
- Complete all VET SOS volunteer paperwork 2 weeks in advance of first scheduled shift
- Complete VET SOS initial orientation in advance of first scheduled shift
- Notify VET SOS 2 weeks in advance of schedule changes
- Attempt to secure an approved volunteer substitute in advance if unable to volunteer as scheduled
- Actively seek guidance & support as needed from VET SOS to successfully execute designated volunteer role
- Refrain from providing money to clients
- Refrain from purchasing or adopting pets from homeless individuals on site
- Provide feedback to VET SOS on volunteer experiences as needed

Insurance

Comprehensive malpractice/professional liability insurance coverage is provided for all veterinarians and veterinary technicians enrolled as VET SOS volunteers. Commercial/general liability insurance coverage is provided for all VET SOS volunteers.

Confidentiality

Vet SOS staff members and volunteers respect the privacy of all clients, volunteers, staff, partner agencies and auxiliary service providers. VET SOS's commitment is to keep the whole service relationship confidential to the fullest extent possible. All written and oral communication is deemed confidential and should not be used or discussed outside the operation of the program.

Signature

I have read and understand the Volunteer Agreement and agree to my responsibilities as outlined therein.

Volunteer Signature

Date