

# Volunteer Application



The Empty Cages Collective (ECC) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. As ECC (and the animals who have been entrusted into our care) relies exclusively on volunteer labor, love and commitment to continue our important life-saving work in animal advocacy, rescue, rehabilitation, release and adoption, we require a serious commitment of at least 4-5 hours every week for 6 months.

Please complete the application and return it at your earliest convenience. An ECC volunteer staff member will contact you to schedule a phone interview and orientation/meeting as soon as possible.

After the orientation, there will be an initial 2-3 week trial period during which time both an ECC representative and you will evaluate the volunteer experience and decide whether working together as a team is a good and productive fit. Upon the successful conclusion of this trial period, the 6 month volunteer commitment will begin.

Volunteers are expected to follow ECC rules of conduct for volunteer staff.

If you are unable to fulfill your volunteer obligations for a certain week due to illness, other commitments, travel, etc. it is required that you 1) attempt to find a replacement volunteer for your shifts/the tasks you have agreed to perform for ECC for that week, and 2) make up the time (4-5 hours minimum) at a future time.

We require (at least) a two week notice if you will be ending your volunteer activities with ECC. This attempts to ensure that other ECC volunteers will not be unnecessarily overburdened unexpectedly with additional work and not put ECC animals' care and needs in jeopardy.

Please sign and date below attesting that you have read and understood the above.

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## Basic Information

**Date:**

**Name**

**Age**

**Address**

**City / State / Zip**

**Phone**

**Email**

**In case of emergency, please notify**

**Name**

**Relationship**

**Phone**

**Email**

**Address**

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## Availability

Are you presently employed full-time?

Yes No

Do you expect that to change in the next 6 months?

Yes No

What are your typical working days and hours?

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Please note any shifts you would be available for on an ongoing basis:

Monday (AM/PM)  
Tuesday (AM/PM)  
Wednesday (AM/PM)  
Thursday (AM/PM)  
Friday (AM/PM)  
Saturday (AM/PM)  
Sunday (AM/PM)

Are you vegetarian or vegan for ethical reasons?

Yes No

Are you allergic to any animals? medications? foods? cleaning products?  
hay?

Yes No

If Yes, please explain:

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Have you (or do you) volunteer, intern or work with any other animal rescue, advocacy or care organizations or agencies? Please explain your answer with dates, names of organizations and what your role in these organizations was:

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Can you participate in strenuous activities? Can you lift and carry 50lb? Please explain your answer:

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Do you have any special skills that may be useful to our work (i.e. photography, carpentry, graphic design, veterinary technician training, etc.)? Please explain your answer:

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We need volunteers at our shelter space (cleaning, feeding, medicating, socializing with domestic animals, etc.) Can you help in the shelter space?

Yes No

We need volunteers every week at our companion animal adoption events (setting up, promoting the events, speaking to potential adopters, watching over the animals, processing adoption applications, etc.) Can you help at adoption events?

Yes No

Are you willing to foster animals?

Yes No

Do you own a vehicle?

Yes No

Do you have a current drivers license?

Yes No

If Yes, are you willing to help with transportation?

Yes No

Are you willing to be called to help in an emergency?

Yes No

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Please note any specific areas of interest

- **Adoptions**
- **Fieldwork (wildlife rescue, Trap, Neuter, Return)**
- **Fostering**
- **Graphic Design**
- **Photography**
- **PR & Writing (letters to the editor, blog entries, social media & web)**
- **Transportation**
- **Fundraising**