

# Volunteer Release and Waiver of Liability



This Volunteer Release and Waiver of Liability (the “release”) executed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) by \_\_\_\_\_ (“Volunteer”) releases Saving Paws Rescue, AZ , a nonprofit corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arizona and each of its directors, officers, employees, and agents. The Volunteer desires to provide volunteer services for Saving Paws Rescue, AZ, and engage in activities related to serving as a volunteer dog companion.

Volunteer understands that the scope of Volunteer’s relationship with Saving Paws Rescue, AZ is limited to a volunteer position and that no compensation is expected in return for services provided by Volunteer; that Saving Paws Rescue, AZ will not provide benefits traditionally associated with employment, and that Volunteer is responsible for his/her own insurance coverage in the event of personal injury or illness as a result of Volunteer’s services to Saving Paws Rescue, AZAZ.

1. Waiver and Release: I release and forever discharge and hold harmless Saving Paws Rescue, AZ and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind and nature either in law or in equity, which arise or may thereafter arise from the services I provide to Saving Paws Rescue, AZ. I understand and acknowledge that this release discharges Saving Paws Rescue, AZ from any liability or claim that I may have against Saving Paws Rescue, AZ with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from the services I provide to Saving Paws Rescue, AZ or occurring while I am providing volunteer services.
2. Insurance: Further I understand that Saving Paws Rescue, AZ does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide me with financial or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability benefits, or insurance of any nature in the event of my injury, illness, death or damage to my property. I expressly waive any such claim for compensation or liability on the part of Saving Paws Rescue, AZ beyond what may be offered freely by Saving Paws Rescue, AZ in the event of such injury or medical expenses incurred by me.
3. Medical Treatment: I hereby release and forever discharge Saving Paws Rescue, AZ from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid treatment or other medical services rendered in connection with an emergency during my tenure as a volunteer with Saving Paws Rescue, AZ.
4. Assumption of Risk:
  - a. General Volunteer: I understand that the services I provide to Saving Paws Rescue, AZ may include activities that might be hazardous to me including, but not limited to handling dog conflicts, kennel maintenance, removing dogs from kennels and/or returning them to kennels, bathing and grooming dogs, feeding dogs, dog walking, and dog training. As a Volunteer, I hereby expressly assume the risk of injury, illness, death or property damage resulting from the services I provide as a Volunteer or occurring while I am providing volunteer services. Volunteer activities may include locations outside of the Saving Paws Rescue, AZ rescue center including but not limited to county shelters, transportation of dogs to and from various locations, special events or private adoption dog homes.

- b. **Foster Volunteer:** I understand that the services I provide to Saving Paws Rescue, AZ may include activities that might be hazardous to me and/or members of my household including, but not limited to handling dog conflicts, bathing and grooming dogs, feeding dogs, dog walking, and dog training. As a Foster Volunteer, I hereby expressly assume the risk or injury, illness, death or property damage resulting from the services I provide as a Foster Volunteer or occurring while I am providing volunteer services. I understand that I am responsible for assessing any issues related to a foster dog being placed in my home. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify Saving Paws Rescue, AZ immediately upon any indication that a foster dog cannot be safely maintained in my home. Saving Paws Rescue AZ will remove any foster dog that poses an imminent risk for the volunteer and/or members of the household.
  
- 5. **Photographic Release:** I grant and convey to Saving Paws Rescue, AZ all rights, title and interest in any and all photographs, images, video or audio recordings of me or my likeness, or voice made by Saving Paws Rescue, AZ in connections with my providing volunteer services to Saving Paws Rescue, AZ. In addition, any photographs shared on Saving Paws Rescue AZ social media (Facebook, Instagram) are granted permission to utilize without individual written consent for marketing or fundraising purposes.
  
- 6. **Volunteer Code of Conduct:** I understand that Saving Paws Rescue, AZ maintains and requires all volunteers to sign a Code of Conduct to ensure that all volunteers adhere to basic levels of conduct for the well-being and safety of all volunteers, staff and dogs.
  
- 7. **Other:** I understand and affirm that Saving Paws Rescue, AZ does not accept volunteers under the age of eighteen (18). As a volunteer, I expressly agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and exclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Arizona and that his Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Arizona. I agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release is deemed invalid, the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Release shall not be affected.

By signing below, I express my understanding and intent to enter into this Volunteer Release and Waiver of Liability willingly and voluntarily.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date

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Printed Name