



Dallas Cat Rescue, dba Cat Matchers is an all-volunteer 501c3 organization dedicated to reducing the number of homeless animals. We will accomplish this:

- Through programs to rescue, spay/neuter and adopt out animals in need
- By supporting spay/neuter programs that reduce the number of animals that are euthanized each year or left homeless each year

**The goal is to turn disposable animals into lifelong companions.**

## Cat Matchers Volunteer Application

We're delighted that you want to volunteer with Cat Matchers. There are many volunteer opportunities available and we want to help you find a match that provides you with a satisfying volunteer experience. We try to match a volunteer's strengths, interests, and time available to the needs of our organization and the opportunities available. We have programs that require differing amounts of skill and time commitments.

**Please fill out this form completely and return to us one of the following ways.**  
**Email: [catmatchers@yahoo.com](mailto:catmatchers@yahoo.com), fax: 1-877-687-8770, US mail: PO Box 262571, Plano, TX 75026**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address with Unit # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Best way(s) to reach you? (Check all that apply)

Email \_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_

Driver's License Number and State \_\_\_\_\_

Please list what type of housing and whether you rent or own this property.  
 (For Foster Volunteers)

Type of housing	Rent	Own
House		
Apartment		
Condo		
Other		

If you rent, does your lease and/or landlord allow pets? If yes, please include the rental agency or landlord contact information for verification. (For Foster Volunteers) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you know any volunteers at Cat Matchers? If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you ever adopted from Cat Matchers?

	Yes, still have the cat(s)	No longer have the cat(s)
Yes, have adopted from Cat Matchers		
No, have not adopted from Cat Matchers		

Are you affiliated with any animal related organizations? If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you 18 years or older? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth? \_\_\_\_\_

Parental consent to volunteer required if under 18.

Parental/Adult supervision required if under 16.

Parental/Adult participation and supervision required if under 14.

Are you volunteering for credit/community service? Yes No

If yes, please for whom and required hours \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per month would you like to volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_ Weekdays Weekends

Do you have any allergies or physical restrictions that would prevent you from certain duties? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had any formal education/training in pet care or animal welfare? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of training, where, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any experience or skills related to rescue: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any experience you may have working with animals: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your current pets: \_\_\_\_\_

## **VOLUNTEER AREAS - PLEASE CHECK ALL AREAS OF INTEREST**

**Foster Program:** This is by far the greatest need, the biggest time commitment and the most rewarding volunteer opportunity. We need homes where the adoptable cats can stay until they are either ready for adoption or they have found a home.

**Adoption Events:** Setting up, talking with potential adopters, TLC with cats/kittens, doing adoption paperwork, and cleanup/break down. Mobile adoption events are held weekly (usually on Saturday) and generally last 4 hours.

**Adoption Center Cleaning & TLC:** This will involve scooping litter boxes, filling food and water, general clean-up of the cages/room and TLC for the cats.

**Adoption Follow-up:** This will involve checking with adopters by phone and email to check in on the new adoptive pet to make sure everything is running smoothly and answer any questions they may have.

**Adoption Screening:** This will involve speaking to prospective adopters to verify if they are ready to adopt and to help match the correct cat/kitten to their home.

**Special Events:** We participate in animal friendly special events to raise money and awareness for rescue animals. We sell merchandise.

**Laundry:** We usually need help once every week with washing linens after adoption events or every 2 weeks from store cages.

**PR/Marketing/Outreach, Social Media:** This involves writing newsletters or social media posting.

**Communications:** This involves checking/responding to phone line and email submissions. This also involves writing thank you notes to donors.

**Fundraising:** We are looking for "fund-finders" and "grant-getters" and special event organizing to help raise money for the cats.

**Animal Transportation, Rescue/Retrieval:** This involves transporting cats to vet appointments, mobile adoptions, and foster homes as well as going to local animal control facilities/shelters and picking up adoptable animals to transport to foster homes/vet.

**Donations:** This involves pick up and transport of any donations (i.e. food, litter, etc) to a storage area or other designated locations.

**General Volunteer:** This involves any general needs or helping with volunteer coordination, internal communications, training, special recognition, events, or birthdays.

**Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)/Colony care:** This involves helping to do TNR in feral colonies and can also involve helping to maintain these colonies by feeding/monitoring.

### **Steps to Becoming a Volunteer.**

1. Complete and return the Volunteer Application
2. Complete and return the Volunteer Agreement, Release & Waiver
3. Complete and return the Cat Matchers Permission and Release Form for Youth Volunteer if under 18
4. You will be contacted by a volunteer(s) to set up orientation in the activity in which you would like to participate.
5. Attend additional training classes as required for specific activities.

**Thank you for contacting us. We look forward to working with you!**