



Thank you for your interest in the Whimsical Whiskers Catfae & Rescue in combination with Whisper in Time Companion Rehoming Nonprofit Volunteer Service Program. Our program will offer you a hands on, working knowledge of how a nonprofit cat rescue operates. We are not your typical rescue, however. Our mission is to rescue cats that come from situations where their owners have passed away or are entering end of life care. These cats need new, loving families, but during that transition period, cannot be kept in a cage. Our rescue offers a free roam atmosphere where our kitties can explore, nap, hide, play and in general, still experience a fulfilling life during this stop over with us. Our job, through love, compassion and most importantly, consistency, allows these cats to continue to thrive.

Here, the general public can stop in, visit, cuddle some furry friends, and assist us in maintaining the socialization of our kitties, which is a very important aspect of their transition. This concept also allows our residents to “pick their person”, for families looking to add to their family.

Consistency is another important part of this transition period for our cats. The constant changing of caregivers can add to their stress, anxiety, confusion, and inevitably, their depression, which can be deadly to a cat. This is the reason we **REQUIRE participants in this program to commit to a minimum of 90 days, with at least one shift each week.** This is for the safety, health and wellbeing of our animals.

We are fully prepared to supply your school/program with a letter stating your participation in our program and the commitment you have made. We will **NOT**, however, sign off on any volunteer completion forms for your school/program until you have fulfilled your commitment with us. If you are not prepared to fulfill this commitment, we thank you for your interest. However, if you are ready to embark a fun, educational and sometimes downright funny experience, we are ready to go.

Volunteer Printed Name

Date

Volunteer Signature

Date

Volunteer Responsibilities:

- You are expected to show up on time for your volunteer shift
- You are expected to fulfill your responsibilities by doing the tasks you were asked to do to the best of your ability and with enthusiasm.
- If you find that you cannot fulfill your duties on a given day, you are expected to call or text that you will not be here as soon as you know.
- Personal appearance should be consistent. Volunteers should dress appropriately and in an appropriate manner for interacting with the public and representing our organization. **No crop tops, cut off shorts, leggings without a long shirt etc.**
- Language must be appropriate and acceptable at all times.
- You are responsible for getting your time sheet from the allocated location, filling in all information and returning the completed form. If you do not return the form, or complete it fully, your hours will not be counted toward your community service commitment. **This time sheet must be completed EACH time you volunteer.** If you do not submit a form on the day you volunteer, your hours will not be recorded.

Lounge/CatFae Responsibilities:

- Provide a friendly and welcoming environment for both our residents and visitors/potential adopters.
- Complete any and all tasks that relate to maintaining the health, safety and wellbeing of both our residents and visitors/potential adopters.
- Greet our visitors/potential adopters, interact with them to inquire how they heard about us, explain our mission, give an overview of our lounge/café, answer introduce our residents, direct visitors/potential adopters to our website and social media presence, and answer questions visitors may have.
- Learn all aspects of the daily operation of our rescue, and what it takes to keep a nonprofit animal rescue a success.

Volunteer Initials

WW/WIT Rep Initials

Date

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone #: _____

School/Program Attending: _____

Program Contact Person: _____

Program Phone#: _____

Volunteer Hours Log Sheet

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

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Volunteer Signature: _____ Date: _____ Hrs Total: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____ Hrs Total: _____

To Whom It May Concern:

_____, has agreed to participate in the Whimsical Whiskers Catfae in combination with Whisper In Time Companion Rehoming Nonprofit.

Participants in this program are asked to commit to **a minimum of 90 days**, with **at least one weekend shift each week and one weekday evening shift when available..** Our program is unique in the fact that we are working with animals, particularly cats, that have been displaced from their homes and owners. We rescue cats from situations where their owners have passed away or are entering end of life care (assisted living, nursing homes, hospice). These cats, just like any others, require a great deal of ***consistency and compassion***. This cannot be given in a single 5 hour shift for someone to fulfill a few needed hours.

Whether the student requires 5 hours or 50 hours, the commitment to our rescue, our mission, and most importantly, our cats, is required to maintain the health and wellbeing of these furry friends.

Whimsical Whiskers Catfae & Rescue in combination with Whisper in Time Companion Rehoming Nonprofit will sign off on any volunteer hours the above named student completes, but **ONLY** once they have fulfilled their commitment to our cats.

By structuring our Volunteer Program this way, we are not only providing the support and love that is desperately needed for our kitties, but we are hoping to teach students involved in our program a sense of responsibility and accomplishment. We also hope each student takes away a feeling of compassion and achievement as they nurture a cat(s) from terrified to a new family.

We appreciate the interest and commitment your student is making to our program, and we look forward to watching them grow right along with our furry friends.

Heidi Weigel, Whimsical Whiskers Catfae

Date

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