



### Pets for Life: Street Team/Canvassing Volunteer

*Nothing in this position description restricts management's right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this position at any time.*

<b>Work Location</b>	Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles and Philadelphia
<b>Position Grade</b>	<b>3</b> ; background check includes Criminal Background, Social Security Number Verification and Sex Offender Registry
<b>Purpose of the Position</b>	Volunteers work with coordinators in target communities to spread the message and mission of the Pets for Life program, focusing on spay and neuter, promoting vaccinations and wellness care.
<b>Volunteer Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with a team of volunteers and/or paid staff, initiate discussions with individuals in the community, share materials and information, and field questions in targeted areas as directed by staff</li> <li>Promote upcoming Pets for Life events programs and training classes</li> </ul>
<b>Level of Difficulty</b> <b>1=easy/5=demanding</b> (physical, mental, emotional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical difficulty is level 3; involves standing and walking for long periods of time in the community</li> <li>Mental difficulty is level 3; requires strong verbal communication skills, the ability to work without direct supervision and good judgment</li> <li>Emotional difficulty is level 3; the nature of the issues dealt with can be emotionally distressing as volunteers will see less than ideal situations for people and animals</li> </ul>
<b>Expected Environmental Conditions</b>	Most of the work occurs outside; volunteers should dress appropriately for the weather.
<b>How Often Volunteers Work On-site</b>	All volunteer work is off-site in target communities.
<b>Orientation/Training</b>	Volunteers must attend a general orientation and will receive training specific to the role. Information and materials about The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and Pets for Life, including the Pets for Life Community Outreach Toolkit, will be provided.
<b>Learning Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better understand the challenges faced by animal owners in underserved communities</li> <li>Develop or strengthen community outreach and effective communication skills</li> </ul>
<b>Position Start Date</b>	Ongoing
<b>Initial Minimum Commitment</b>	Three month commitment
<b>Scheduling Guidelines</b>	Flexible; volunteers are most needed on the weekend
<b>Qualifications/Requirements for Volunteer Applicants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Able to meet the requirements outlined in the Essential Capabilities document with or without reasonable accommodation</li> <li>Able to communicate with a variety of people effectively and without judgment or making negative remarks</li> <li>Able to work effectively on a team and independently</li> <li>Able to work comfortably in underserved communities</li> <li>Able to tactfully deal with challenging questions or opposing viewpoints from the public</li> <li>Able to understand The HSUS's policies and positions and the Pets for Life</li> </ul>

	<p>approach, and able and willing to appropriately and accurately represent those policies when interacting with the public or otherwise representing The HSUS or Pets for Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to learn and demonstrate a familiarity with The HSUS’s major campaigns and mission</li> </ul>
<b>Restrictions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be at least 18 years old</li> <li>• Must wear a Pets for Life t-shirt (provided at no cost) when representing the program</li> <li>• Should have access to a computer and ability to login into an online volunteer communication site to receive updates</li> <li>• Must have reliable transportation and arrive on time when scheduled</li> <li>• Must be able to learn and follow guidelines and policies of The HSUS and Pets for Life, and follow directions</li> <li>• Must submit the required paperwork and pass a background check before being assigned</li> </ul>
<b>Tools/Equipment Provided (including Personal Protective Equipment)</b>	n/a
<b>Optional Tools/Equipment</b>	n/a
<b>Supervisor(s)</b>	Coordinator, Pets for Life
<b>Number of Concurrent Volunteer Openings</b>	30 volunteers (individuals or teen-parent teams)
<b>Additional Information</b>	
<b>Updated</b>	3.15.2016