



Animal Protection And Welfare Society

Adoption Day Volunteer Handout

Thank you for choosing to volunteer with APAWS. We are an all-volunteer group of animal lovers, and we appreciate your time and commitment. We look forward to working with you! We want this to be a positive experience for everyone as we fulfill our main goal – help abandoned animals in Baton Rouge!

PetSmart has a few requirements of the adoption groups participating in adoption day. Please review the standards below. If you have any questions please ask one of our board members. *Any volunteer failing to comply can lead to the expulsion of APAWS from PetSmart-sponsored adoption days.* Remember you're representing APAWS!

Dress Code

- Proper dress is required at all times.
- Clothing should be clean and free of any profanity or obscene messages.
- Chokers, collars, and spiked cuffs are not allowed.
- Facial piercings should be removed or covered.
- Shirts must reach the waist band of your pants. Your stomach should not be visible at any time.
- Shorts must be knee-length or just above the knee. No skirts may be worn.
- Shoes should have a closed toe.

Conduct

- Courtesy should be shown to PetSmart employees and members of the public at all times.
- If you find it difficult to remain polite and maintain your composure please remove yourself from the situation and ask one of our board members to intervene.
- Please use the PetSmart break room if you will be eating. Never eat in a public area.
- Clean up after yourself when leaving the break room.

Adoption Area

- The adoption area should remain as clean as possible.
- Animal accidents should be cleaned as soon as they are seen.
- Any trash generated during adoption day should be removed from the adoption area immediately (examples include paperwork with mistakes, napkins, etc.)
- Only one drink is allowed per person in the adoption area, be sure to pick up your trash when you are finished.
- Volunteers picking up at the end of the day must sweep the adoption area.

Mission Statement

APAWS is dedicated to helping animals in need in the Baton Rouge, LA area. Two things hinder our ability to help all animals we are requested to rescue: foster homes and money. We are a no-kill rescue and will not euthanize unless there is no medical treatment available.