



Skagit Animals In Need

Volunteer Application

You may complete this application online and email it to volunteer@skagitanimalsinneed.org or print and mail it to us at SAIN, P.O. Box 503, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

First Name:

Middle Initial:

Last Name:

Address:

E-Mail:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-Mail is the standard first line of contact we will use.

2nd preferred
contact:

Call Home

Call Cell

Text Cell

Please select all ways in which you are interested in volunteering:

	Yes	No
Assisting with events		
Grant writing		
Hauling hay		
Stacking hay		
Handling, grooming, bathing fosters		
Stall & pen clean up at foster homes		
Wound care/special needs		
Ground work with fosters		
Saddle work with fosters		
Transporting livestock*		

*Trailer Info:

Straight Load

Slant Load

Open Stock

Ramp

2-3 horse

4-6 horse

Bumper Pull

Gooseneck

Years of horse experience:	none	less than 2 years
	3-5 years	5-10 years
	more than 10 years	

Please tell us about your horse experience:

Why do you want to volunteer?

Do you have volunteer experience? If so, please describe.

Please provide contact information on two personal references we may contact. We ask that at least one is not related to you, and preferably include your vet, farrier, trainer or an animal-related contact.

Name:	Number:
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Name:	Number:
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If there are any days or time periods that you ARE NOT available to volunteer please fill out the table below. If your schedule varies, then leave blank.

Sunday	Time Frame:
Monday	Time Frame:
Tuesday	Time Frame:
Wednesday	Time Frame:
Thursday	Time Frame:
Friday	Time Frame:
Saturday	Time Frame:

I authorize SAIN to perform a criminal background check. Date of birth is required for the background check.

Signature:	Date:
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Date of birth:

**Volunteer's
Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of all Risks, and Indemnity Agreement with
Skagit Animals In Need**

Agreement made on _____ (date) between _____
(Name of Volunteer) and *Skagit Animals In Need* ("SAIN").

Whereas, *Volunteer* intends to provide volunteer services for *SAIN*; and

Whereas, *Volunteer* desires to volunteer his or her time to *SAIN* to assist with the care, maintenance, rehabilitation, handling, and transport of animals under *SAIN*'s care; and

Whereas, *Volunteer* understands that equine-related activities are high-risk activities, and that injuries to a person, including serious bodily harm and death, and property can result from use of *SAIN* property, equipment, and tools, and from volunteer activities related to being in close proximity to animals, including horses; and

Whereas, *SAIN* requires that this Agreement be executed by *Volunteer* prior to providing volunteer services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of being allowed to participate in *SAIN* volunteer activities, the undersigned *Volunteer* hereby agrees as follows:

***Volunteer* hereby releases and forever discharges *SAIN*, its directors, trustees, staff, agents, and volunteers (collectively *Releasees*), from all claims, liability, demands or causes of action, including attorneys' fees, damages, or costs, brought by *Volunteer*, his/her survivors, heirs, successors, and assigns, that are in any way connected with or arise out of *Volunteer's* participation in volunteer activities or other activities on behalf of *SAIN*, including all such claims that allege negligent acts or omissions of *Releasees*.**

***Volunteer* agrees to indemnify and hold harmless *Releasees* from any and all claims, liability, demands, or causes of action, including attorneys' fees, damages, or costs, for any loss or damage to property, physical injury, or death caused by *Volunteer's* acts, omissions, or conduct. *Volunteer* further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless *Releasees* for any claims made by *Volunteer* or by *Volunteer's* survivors, heirs, successors, and/or assigns for any claim, injury, loss, or damages resulting directly or indirectly from volunteer activities or other activities on behalf of *SAIN*.**

***Volunteer* expressly agrees to accept and assume all of the risks, whether inherent or unknown/unanticipated, related to or arising from the volunteer activities.** These risks include but are not limited to risks associated with being in close proximity to horses and conducting activities within a horse arena, stable, barn, paddock, and/or field. Risks include but are not limited to being thrown, stepped on, kicked, pushed, knocked down, bitten, or charged by horse(s) or other animals. Activities may include moderate to vigorous physical activity, including but not limited to: mucking out stalls and/or paddocks; lifting, moving, or stacking hay bales and/or bedding; cleaning and maintaining the property for the safety and health of horses and individuals; using tools, fixtures, and operating equipment (that may fail or malfunction despite reasonable maintenance and use); grooming, bathing, training, groundwork, riding, mounting, feeding, watering, administering dewormers, vaccinations, and/or medications, and

otherwise interacting with horses; walking, jumping, and running; lifting heavy materials; bending, crouching, and sitting. *Volunteer* acknowledges that the physical condition of the locations where volunteer activities are likely to take place may include uneven surfaces or surfaces without traction (whether due to natural inclement weather conditions, wet or soiled surfaces, or other maintenance activities). *Volunteer* also agrees that activities may occur during extreme weather conditions and accepts the risk associated with performing activities in extreme weather. *Volunteer* acknowledges and accepts the risk of exposure to animals, including but not limited to domestic and farm animals, that may cause serious harm and whose behavior cannot be predicted. *Volunteer* acknowledges that errors in judgment or negligence may occur by other individuals, including but not limited to *Releasees*. ***Volunteer* agrees that participation in the activities is purely voluntary and *Volunteer* elects to participate in spite of and with full knowledge of the risks.**

Volunteer affirms and represents that he/she is experienced with a suitable skill level to provide volunteer services for the foster horse(s), and *Volunteer* affirms he/she is in generally good health without any medical or physical conditions that would interfere with *Volunteer's* participation in volunteer activities or cause a health or safety risk to said horse(s), *Volunteer*, *Releasees*, or other individuals participating in volunteer activities for *SAIN*.

Volunteer agrees to take all safety precautions required by *SAIN* in order to participate in volunteer activities, including but not limited to wearing appropriate clothing, including boots or sturdy shoes, and wearing a helmet when riding. *Volunteer* further agrees and understands that he/she must comply with all *SAIN* policies and procedures while serving as a volunteer.

Volunteer agrees that he/she is performing purely charitable and voluntary services for *SAIN*, a non-profit corporation, and is not considered an employee, independent contractor, partner, or member of *SAIN*. *Volunteer* agrees and acknowledges that no compensation, financial or other remuneration of any kind, will be provided in exchange for his/her volunteer services.

Volunteer acknowledges that his/her authorization to serve as a volunteer may be terminated at the sole discretion of *SAIN* at any time and for any reason.

Volunteer agrees that any dispute under this Agreement shall be required to be brought in the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Skagit County, and that substantive Washington law (and not only conflict of law rules) shall be applied in any legal action involving the interpretation, validity, and/or enforceability of this Agreement. *Volunteer* agrees that in the event any portion of this Agreement is deemed invalid or unenforceable, all other portions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

WITNESS my signature as of the date first above stated.

(*SAIN* representative)

(*Volunteer*)