

DIAMONDS IN THE RUFF (DITR) VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Date:

First and Last Name:

***Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older to work directly with animals.**

D.O.B./Age:

Street Address (including city, state, zip code):

Phone:

Email Address:

Employer/Job Title:

May we contact your employer for a reference?:

If yes, please provide name and phone # of employer:

How did you hear about Diamonds in the Ruff?

Why do you want to volunteer with Diamonds in the Ruff?

Do you now work or have you in the past worked with any other volunteer or rescue organizations? If so, please list contact information for those organizations.

Please list any pets that you currently own:

Please list pets that you've owned in the past:

Describe your experience working with dogs:

Talents/training/education you have that may help you to support DITR's mission working either directly with the dogs or in other areas (e.g., photography, web design, fundraising, graphic arts, etc.):

Volunteer work preferences - Please enter "yes" beside areas of interest:

Hands-on options:

- Dog search - in shelter:
- Dog evaluation (in shelter assisting DITR representative):
- Dog Transport:

- Foster:

*Involves keeping a dog in your home for up to 30 days and assisting with crate training, house training, and manners. Trainers will work with the dog on a regular basis to teach basic commands and manners and to socialize the dog through a series of weekly outings designed to introduce dogs to a variety of situations, settings, people, and animals. Fosters will complete a very brief weekly progress report. Sitters and handlers may assist Fosters as needed if dogs are to be left crated for more than four hours per day on a regular basis.

- Foster Trainer:

*Involves keeping a dog in your home for up to 30 days and completing crate training, house training, manners, basic commands, and socializing the dog through a series of weekly outings as described above. Foster Trainers will complete brief weekly progress reports.

*Requires attending a 6 week training course that meets 1hour per week and covers DITR policies, procedure, and protocol for training, socialization, and evaluation of dogs.

- Trainer:

*Trainers will support Fosters, Foster Trainers, and those that adopt a Diamond Dog as needed. Trainers without previous experience will be required to attend a 6 week training course that meets 1hour per week and covers DITR policies, procedure, and protocol for training, socialization, and evaluation of dogs.

- Sitter:

*Sitters will keep dogs in their home for a short period of time at their convenience (e.g., from 1-14 days) in order to relieve Fosters and Foster Trainers.

Handler:

*Handlers will work with dogs for a short period of time (e.g., from 1-5 hours) at their convenience in order to relieve dogs left crated for more than four hours.

Other Ways to Help:

- Dog search online:
- Clerical/Administrative:
- Applicant Telephone Screening:
- Applicant Home Visit (assisting a DITR representative):
- Community Outreach:
- Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter):
- Photography
- Special Events:
- Fundraising:

***Volunteers in contact with dogs will need to complete volunteer agreements directly with each organization that has legal custody of the dog.**

Do you have any allergies, physical limitations/restrictions or medical conditions it would be important for us to know about? If yes, please explain.

Please list three personal references:

1. Name:	Contact Information:
2. Name:	Contact Information:
3. Name:	Contact Information:

Emergency Contact:

Name:
Relationship:
Phone Number:

Availability - Please list days of the week and times of day that you are available:

Additional Comments:

I hereby acknowledge that the information contained in this application is accurate and complete and I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I have never been convicted of animal neglect, cruelty or abandonment.

***I agree to allow DITR to use photos and videos of myself and dogs in the program in order to promote the organization and its mission.**

Please sign and print your name in the box below:

Date:

***I understand that typing my name on the line above constitutes my electronic signature under Virginia law.**

Volunteers must be able to react quickly and rationally, as animals can sometimes be unpredictable. Volunteers who work with animals must have the ability to restrain the animals for their own safety, the safety of others and the safety of the animals. DITR reserves the right to place volunteers in areas best suited to their abilities and restrictions, and to reject volunteers whose participation at events or programs sponsored by DITR could potentially place the participant, the animals, or other individuals at risk of harm.

DIAMONDS IN THE RUFF (DITR) VOLUNTEER WAIVER FOR LIABILITY

The volunteer is fully aware of the risks that dogs pose and has elected to view and/or interact with one or more dogs voluntarily. The volunteer knowingly assumes all risks that exposure to dogs may pose, including but not limited to serious bodily injury and/or death.

The volunteer hereby waives, releases discharges, holds harmless, and promises to indemnify and not to bring suit against DITR, its directors, officers, volunteers, staff, and all other agents, and attorney for any of the referenced parties and any other parties acting for or on behalf of the referenced parties from any and all rights and claims which the volunteer has or which may hereafter accrue to the volunteer and from any and all damages which may be sustained by the volunteer directly or indirectly in connection with, or arising out of, the volunteer's exposure to such dogs.

VOLUNTEER RELEASE

I hereby fully and forever release and discharge Diamonds in the Ruff of Virginia, Inc. (DITR), its agents, directors, officers and liability insurance carriers from all actions, damages, or judgments which I have now or in the future may have against DITR, for all personal injuries to myself, known or unknown, arising out of my activities as an adult volunteer of DITR.

I, the undersigned, have read this Release and fully understand all of its terms and conditions, and I sign it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

Please sign and print your name in the box below:

Date:

***I understand that typing my name on the line above constitutes my electronic signature under Virginia law.**

PARENTAL CONSENT AND WAIVER: I consent and agree to allow my minor child (type or print his/her full name):

to volunteer with Diamonds in the Ruff of Virginia, Inc. (DITR). In consideration for allowing my child to volunteer with DITR, I agree to assume any and all risks connected with my minor child's participation in DITR activities. Risks include but are not limited to: animal bites, scratches, fleas, ticks, diseases associated with fleas and ticks, ringworm, mange, other skin conditions, and other injuries sustained from handling animals. I waive and release DITR from any and all claims for damages or injury to my minor child as a result of his/her participation as a volunteer with DITR, including any and all claims of negligence of others, and agree to hold DITR and all persons or organizations associated with DITR harmless for any claims made against them as a result of the actions of any minor child of mine who participates as a DITR volunteer. I represent that I am the parent and/or legal guardian of this minor child and that I am not under any legal disability that would inhibit my ability to understand and grant this waiver and release.

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Date:

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We sincerely thank you for your interest in joining the DITR team! We will review your application and be in touch as soon as possible.