



Best Friends Action Team Outreach Events Volunteer Position Description

Are you passionate about advocating for pets? Do you enjoy talking to people? Would you like to educate people about the work Best Friends does for dogs and cats in and out of shelters? Join the Best Friends volunteer team! We are looking for friendly and energetic animal-loving volunteers to share the Best Friends mission and talk about our advocacy work throughout the country at community events, festivals, conferences, etc.

Reports to: Katie Fine, Campaign Senior Strategist and Texas Legislative Specialist (for the future this will depend on the event)

Time & Location

Location:

Wags and Waves 2026
Hawaiian Waters Garland
4550 North Garland Avenue
Garland, TX 75040

Event date and time: Saturday, September 19, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Volunteer shifts:

Shift 1 (setup): 8 - 11:30 AM

Shift 2 (breakdown): 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

**shift lead Katie will be onsite with all supplies for set up and break down*

Core responsibilities:

- Be the face of Best Friends Animal Society, the title sponsor of the event.
- Be energetic and ready to hand out swag and goodies to passing festival goers
- Be ready to take photos of anyone who asks or could use help in front of our backdrop
- Take photos throughout the event of animals and people interacting with our booth and swag
- Be enthusiastic about inviting others to join the lifesaving movement and to support Best Friends Animal Society.
- Read and be familiar with provided talking points.
- *If weather conditions are questionable, reach out to the event lead for details*
- Set up: Shift is scheduled to start 2 hours before event start. Assist staff to set up table, tablecloth, event materials, etc.
- Break down: Break down cannot begin until festival is over and all members of the public have left. Then begin breaking down and help load vehicle at direction of event lead if needed.

**Qualifications/Requirements:**

- Friendly, approachable, can easily talk to members of the public.
- Comfortable speaking English and/or Spanish
- Ideally be able to lift up to 30 pounds (preferred), help to set up appropriate tabling tools (tent, tables, chairs) as needed.
- Wear festival t-shirt provide upon arrival to festival

Goals (overall):

- Focus on having fun and giving out swag
- Capture good pictures for marketing use
- Aim to increase brand recognition and awareness within the community by reaching people through interactions at community event.

Please email nationalvolunteers@bestfriends.org if interested in volunteering