

B.A.R.C. ANIMAL SHELTER
brooklyn animal resource coalition
Volunteer / Release Form

When volunteering, please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers you do not mind getting dirty, and don't bring personal belongings as we have no storage space. We require all our volunteers to follow the guidelines listed below, and sign-in before walking dogs or playing with the cats **EVERY TIME** you come to volunteer.

Name _____

Address _____ City/St/Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____ (work) _____

Employer _____ Position _____ Email _____

- All BARC dogs must be kept on leash at all times.
- Please put your hand through the loop on the leash and keep our dogs on a short leash.
- Keep both hands free of cell phones, drinks, etc. when walking our dogs.
- Do not let other people, children, or other dogs play with or pet any BARC dog.
- Never take any BARC dog to a dog run.
- Never take anything (bones, food, garbage, etc.) out of our dogs' mouths. We will deal with it when you bring the dog back to the shelter.
- Do not try to "train" the dog as it will only confuse them.
- Never tie up the BARC dog you are walking or leave them unattended for ANY reason.
- If your dog is ever in a fight, never put your hands in to separate the dogs. Grab your dog's hind legs, have the other person grab their dog's hind legs, and pull them apart.
- Please always take some poop bags with you from near the front door. Picking up the poop makes us good neighbors and it is the law.
- If a dog gets away from you, don't chase it! Squat or lie down and call the dog's name and it should come back to you. If you chase them, they think it's a game and will keep running away.
- Take the dog for a 20-30 minute walk, or as directed. If your dog seems tired, come back early.
- When your walk is finished, please bring your dog back to the kennel area for a staff member to put the dog away. Never go inside the kennel without a staff member.
- If no one is in the kennel, knock on the front door of the store and someone will come to assist you. Please do not bring any dogs that live inside the kennel into the store, as this can start fights.
- When visiting the Cat Loft, please enter and leave quickly without letting any cats escape.
- Never take any cats out of their cages, switch their bowls, or give them any treats.
- Please wash your hands between petting different cats to prevent spreading germs.
- Do gently approach cats that are loose in the room and pet them.

I have read, understand, and agree to follow the above guidelines. I will not hold BARC Shelter accountable for any accident or injury that may result when I am a BARC Volunteer.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please add me to BARC's mailing list email list