



## **Policy on Minor Volunteers**

Our Companions Animal Rescue strives to make the volunteer experience a positive one for all who generously donate their time to our organization's mission. We enjoy having the opportunity to involve minors in our programs and have incorporated this policy to ensure the safety of minors. Below describes the restrictions involving minors in various programs at Our Companions Animal Rescue.

### **Ashford Sanctuary:**

For safety purposes, volunteers under the age of 15 are not permitted to volunteer. Volunteers ages 15-17 may participate with the active and constant involvement of an adult parent/guardian. One guardian per child is required. Specific activities and allowances for minor volunteers will be determined for a guardian/minor team by staff.

### **Canine College:**

Volunteers under the age of 12 are not permitted to volunteer in this program. Volunteers ages 13-17 may participate with the active and constant involvement of an adult parent/guardian. One guardian per child is required. Specific activities and allowances for minor volunteers will be determined for a guardian/minor team by staff.

Young volunteers who do not qualify to volunteer in the above listed programs are encouraged to get involved in other areas and to participate in supportive activities as outlined in our Manual "Volunteer Activities for Young People" listed on the volunteer section of our website, [OurCompanions.org](http://OurCompanions.org).

For guardian/minor teams (as permitted above), it is only necessary for the guardian to complete the necessary volunteer application and related paperwork.

For questions or more information, contact our Office Manager, Paul Johnson at (860) 242-9999, ext. 304 or email [Paul@OurCompanions.org](mailto:Paul@OurCompanions.org).