

BARKtoberfest 2019

Participation Standards

Inviting local animal welfare organizations to participate in BARKtoberfest helps promote the adoption of homeless pets in Oklahoma. Our planning strives to make this adoption event as successful as possible for all organizations that participate and we take extra steps to minimize liability exposure for everyone. Please review the following standards to participate. For vendors, same standards apply if you bring a pet to the event.

1. Due to our commitment to help reduce the number of homeless pets in Oklahoma, any pets brought for adoption should be rescued from Oklahoma.
2. Organizations should be registered as an IRS 501(c)(3) or municipal animal shelter. Those not registered who would like to participate will be considered.
3. Arrive early to have time to complete setup of your booth before the event opens. Booth must remain open until the event officially ends.
4. Volunteers must wear organization apparel or name tags with organization name/logo.
5. Your booth must be staffed properly to care for animals and interact with event guests. The following guideline should be used: Two volunteers to manage booth space. One volunteer for each pet on a leash. One volunteer for every two crated dogs.
6. Bring all items needed to setup your booth and care for volunteers/staff and pets for adoption. Each participant is expected to be self supporting.
7. The following animal care requirements must be adhered:
 - All dogs and cats must be spayed/neutered at least one week prior to attending event. This requirement is for the pet's health.
 - Dogs brought for adoption must be given core vaccines two weeks prior to event and screened for heartworms.
 - Any cats that are brought to event must be given core vaccines two weeks prior to event and screened for FeLV/FIV.
 - The health and safety of the animals up for adoption and those that visit the event are most important. Any animals that have tested positive for the items above should not be present at the event. If a dog or cat should become ill at the event, please have them removed from event.
 - All animals must be watered, fed and exercised throughout the day.
 - Only bring animals that are well mannered and can handle the stress of attending an outside event with children and other animals throughout the day. This is best for the animal and reduces liability risks.
 - Any animal that exhibits aggressive behavior must be removed immediately by the organization.
8. Keep your booth area clean throughout the day. Prior to leaving event, cleanup any trash, dog waste, etc.
9. Should any injury to volunteers, rescue animals, event guests or their animals, you must notify BARKtoberfest staff immediately. An incident report must be completed.

To continue providing events like BARKtoberfest, we must all comply with standards to continue promoting pet adoptions and responsible pet ownership. Together we will make Oklahoma a better place for pets and their owners.

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