



2023-2024 Professional Board Application

Make a difference for homeless pets and our community by joining the PAWS Chicago Professional Board! Tasked with raising awareness and funds for PAWS Chicago’s lifesaving work, Professional Board Members are ambassadors for pets that are most in-need in our city and beyond. The PAWS Professional Board is an integral part of PAWS Chicago, hosting notable fundraisers, such as the Animal Magnetism spring social event and the 5K Walk/Run For Their Lives in the fall. The Board consists of young professionals and community leaders who share an interest in helping amplify PAWS’s mission among their networks.

Updated June 19, 2023: Members who join between April 1, 2023 and July 31, 2023 will be grandfathered into our 2023-2024 season. They will become members but will not be held to their requirements until the start of the 2023-2024 season on August 1, 2023. However, new members MAY start working on their requirements immediately. Members are accepted on a rolling basis year round. For more information, please email staff liaison Carrie Cihasky at professionalboard@pawschicago.org

Annual Board Commitments (August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024)

We ask that Board Members help PAWS Chicago in the following ways:

- Fundraise and/or secure in-kind donations totaling a min of \$850 (the “give/get”)
- Attend and support the Professional Board’s two events in 2024: Animal Magnetism (Spring 2024) and the Annual 5K walk/Run For Their Lives (Fall 2024)
- Regularly attend our Professional Board meetings (see below)
- Complete a [New Volunteer Orientation](#)
- Complete a min of one of our Fundraising Workshops
- Volunteer at one PAWS Chicago event/Med Center Days or serve on one of our event/board committee

2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

All meetings have social hour/networking from 5:30-6:30pm, meeting from 6:30-7:30pm, and then optional post meeting social immediately following the meeting at a nearby establishment. Meeting locations are TBD but will be varying locations downtown Chicago. All meetings are in person and there is no virtual option.

Thur., August 17, 2023	Thurs., December 7, 2023	Thur. March 7, 2024
Wed., October 18, 2023	Wed., January 10, 2024	Wed., May 8, 2024

Thank you for your interest! We hope you will consider applying and help us in our mission to build a No-Kill Chicago!



Here are some examples of items that count toward the give/get fundraising goal:

- Become or recruit a [lifeline donor](#) to PAWS Chicago
- Securing in-kind donation of meeting space, food, and beverages for PB meetings
- Recruiting a company or business to conduct a fundraiser on our behalf
- Purchase a Month/Week/Day in the PAWS Chicago Desktop Calendar
- Set up a Create Your Own Fundraiser page with PAWS Chicago
- Join [TEAM PAWS Chicago](#)
- Any purchase/donation made to PAWS Chicago (examples include Desktop Calendar, recurring donations, donations made during adoptions, etc.)
- Secure any of the following for any of our PAWS Chicago events (Fur Ball, Animal Magnetism, PAWS 5K, Golf Outing, and Beach Party)
 - Sponsorships
 - In-kind donations of products or services
 - Silent or live auction items
 - Prize donations
 - Ticket sales (purchased by yourself and/or by friends, family, and coworkers you recruit to purchase tickets)
 - Winning bids on silent/live auction items
 - Donations made during “Bid to Save Lives” (Fur Ball, Animal Magnetism and Beach Party)

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Please completed all the below fields so we can get to know you a little better! Once completed, please email to ProfessionalBoard@pawschicago.org and kindly allow 3-5 business days for review.

PERSONAL

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Birthday _____

Referral _____

Your pet(s) and their name(s): _____

INTEREST/EXPERIENCE

How did you hear about PAWS Chicago? What PAWS Chicago events have you attended or volunteered for in the past?

Why do you want to get involved with PAWS Chicago's Professional Board?

Are you involved with other Boards or Philanthropic endeavors?

Current company/school

Tell us about your profession (Job title/tenure/etc... If you're student, please share info about your studies):

Do you believe you can complete the Professional Board's commitments? Yes No

_____ Print

_____ Signature

_____ Date

Thank you for your interest in joining the PAWS Chicago Professional Board! Kindly allow 3-5 business days for review of your application.