



PUPPY EVENTS FAQ

Q 1. Do you do these events with shelters?

A Yes! This is a very impactful community service event. We only work with 501c3 pet rescues and shelters and make a donation to the shelter for bringing the animals and volunteers. We vet and source them all and onboard them into our system with a certificate of insurance, contract and 501c3 paperwork.

Q 2. How do you choose the shelter?

A We work with many shelters in each city and the selection is chosen based on availability of volunteers and litters. If you have a preference on one, definitely let us know up front and we will do our best! Remember these are all volunteers and animals do get adopted daily, which is our goal, so the shelter may change and that is out of our control.

Q 3. How many dogs are available?

A We aim for 5-10 dogs depending on the headcount of the event, availability of litters and adoption schedule and other considerations like dog ages, shots and socialization skills. We cannot guarantee the breed, age or exact count with shelter dogs, but we always aim to have as many as we can to share the cuddles and love.

Q 4. Can you tell me more about the dogs?

A They are all rescue dogs, some are in foster homes while others are in shelters. They are all ages. The puppies are not leash trained so they will need space to run freely. They are all at least 3 months old so that they have had all of their shots and generally under 2 years old. We may have an older dog or cat if they are up for adoption, and they are just as cute and deserve just as much love! They are all breeds, but all are socialized and friendly – many have been to other yoga, meditation, or petting events before.

Q 5. What is the donation?

A We make a \$1000-\$1500 donation to the charity on your behalf depending on the count and coordination for the event. We handle the donation directly as we have a contract and payment structure set up with the charities. If you would like a donation letter including donation and 501c3 status, just let your program manager know that up front and he/she can request that from the charity at the close of the event for your files.

Q 6. What type of space do we need?

A Great question and probably the most important! It's critical that we host this event in a closed space with walls or unsurpassable hedges or fences on all four sides. We do not provide fencing. The dogs will run and for safety reasons, we need to allow them to roam free. We love a good ballroom or enclosed rooftop or patio. The space cannot have anything dangerous, sharp or anything the animals can chew or harm. We have staff and volunteers on site to make sure all participants will get puppy or kitty love.

Q 7. How much space is needed?

A For 50 yoga mats, that is approx. 2500 square feet of space. The mats are 6 ft by 3 ft and then we also need space for the check in and animal "green room", preferably near an exit or quiet outside area. We've also had "animal green rooms" right next to the yoga or petting space which keeps it calm for the dogs.

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Q 8. How long are animals on site?

A Animals have a max energy level of 2 hours, especially puppies and kittens. The classes are 45 minutes with 30 minutes of extra pet and photo time before and after. Petting sessions are two hours increments. If you'd like other animals brought in for longer sessions, we can check with alternate shelters or increase the donation and see if the shelter has other animals for a second wave.

Q 9. What do you bring with you?

A We bring mats, cleaning supplies, and a 6-8 ft pen to hold the animals before and after class. We also bring donation materials from the shelter and our QR code for waivers if attendees have not already filled it out. They will not be able to participate without signing a liability waiver and photo release.

Q 10. Do accidents happen?

A Yes they do. These are live animals and young ones at that. We do have them go on potty breaks and that's why being in a space near outdoor access is key. Our pen area is lined with pee pads and if there is an accident (almost always on our mats) we have disinfectant wipes, spray and paper towels there immediately to clean up. Some hotels request Visqueen wrap on the floors, and that is up to the client to finalize and purchase. We do charge extra to purchase and labor to lay down and remove.

Q 11. How many people are involved?

A The Fit City team brings our instructor and at least one staffer, depending on the group size, for set up, check in/waivers, and photos. Our staff helps the volunteers bring dogs and cats from mat to mat to make sure every participant gets love. Normally we have 3-5 volunteers + staff for the event, and we try for one per animal when possible.

Q 12. What other considerations do we need for the room or space?

A Please have a 6 ft table set near the entry for check in registration and pet rescue materials. Please also provide a water station, towels, and ideally in a room with an outside-accessible door for potty breaks and load in/parking.

Q 13. What other considerations do we need for the puppies?

A The animals are live animals and young - they will run, wander and tire easily. Having a space for their 6 - 8 foot pen in the corner of the room will help us give them time-outs when necessary. They love to cuddle and we'll make sure to leave time for photos at the beginning and end.

Q 14. How should we prepare attendees for the class?

A We have a waiver to sign - ideally attendees can sign via digital link or QR code in advance to speed up the registration and entry check-in process. Attendees should keep loose items to a minimum as puppies like to chew. Arrive on time to get as much time with the animals as possible!

Q 15. What are some fun add ons to make this more memorable?

A Many clients have created a large branded pen area, produced a step & repeat banner or photo wall, branded bandanas for the animals and brought in a fun juice bar with animal themed flavors.

Q 16. Are the dogs adoptable?

A Almost always yes! There is an adoption process with an application that will be outlined in the materials or by the volunteers at each event.