

Donor Privacy Policy
Pawsitivity Service Dogs

We support the Donor Bill of Rights.

Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life. To assure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the not-for-profit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

1. To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
2. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
3. To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.
4. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
5. To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
6. To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
7. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
8. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
9. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.
10. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

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The Pawsitivity Service Dogs Donor Privacy Policy

The content of this page is an official policy approved by the Pawsitivity Service Dogs Board of Directors.

Pawsitivity Service Dogs maintains the highest level of respect for the privacy of its donors. In furtherance of our commitment to honor your rights, we have developed this Donor Privacy Policy to guide our staff, volunteers, contractors, and service providers on how they may and may not use your personal information.

What information we collect

We use personal information collected from donors for the purposes of processing payments and communicating with donors about Pawsitivity Service Dogs, as well as conducting the fundraising and other operations of Pawsitivity Service Dogs. This information may include name, amount donated, address, telephone number, donor comments, e-mail address, and any other personal information provided to us (“Donor Data”). For donations by check, Donor Data also includes the data visible on the check.

As part of providing an online experience expected by our donors, we may store various data that are collected as part of standard web operations, including user agent strings, IP addresses, referrer strings, and cookies. We may use this data for purposes described in this policy, including analytical needs and improved functionality of our website. We make limited use of cookies, including third party cookies such as cookies from payment processors, to track sessions, help store data, and fulfill the purposes set out in this policy. You can prevent or delete our cookies by adapting your browser settings, although this may affect the functionality of the website.

Payment processors allow donors to give electronically using a payment services account, a credit card, or other payment method. These processors collect certain information from donors, and you should consult their privacy policies to determine their practices.

To provide donors the best possible experience, we work with service providers and may share Donor Data and other information with, or have it transmitted through, them. Such service providers may include organizations that help nonprofit organizations with fundraising, payment processing, website operations, database management, communications, or similar services.

How donor information is collected

Donor information may be collected when a donor makes a contribution online, by check, by mail, in person, through a third-party donation platform, or through other communications with Pawsitivity Service Dogs. Information may also be collected through standard website operations, including cookies and analytics tools, as described above.

How we use that information

Donor Data may be used for these kinds of purposes:

Distributing receipts and thanking donors for donations

Informing donors about upcoming fundraising and other activities of Pawsitivity Service Dogs

Internal analysis, such as research and analytics

Record keeping

Reporting to applicable government agencies as required by law

Surveys, metrics, and other analytical purposes

Other purposes related to fundraising operations

Unless otherwise stated, we do not publish, sell, trade, or rent Donor Data. Anonymized donor information may be used for promotional and fundraising activities. Comments that are provided by donors may be publicly published and may be used in promotional materials. We may allow donors the option to have their name publicly associated with their donation unless otherwise requested as part of the donation process.

We use data gathered by payment processors and other service providers only for the purposes described in this policy.

Financial information

It is our internal policy to limit access to financial information to staff, volunteers, contractors, and service providers who need to process that information for the purposes described above. Personal financial information is not sold to or traded with other parties.

We use partners to provide online payment processing services. Usually, the privacy policies of these organizations will be presented to you on their respective websites and typically also as part of your donation process. If you pay by credit card, we do not store your credit card information, bank account numbers, or other financial account data sent directly to those processing services.

Donations to Pawsitivity Service Dogs made by check go to a bank lockbox. This provides a high level of security and confidentiality.

Security

We are committed to protecting donor personal information from unauthorized access, alteration, disclosure, or destruction. Among other things, we undertake a range of security practices, including measures to help secure web access to sensitive data and efforts to address security vulnerabilities for various tools and databases.

Other disclosures

We may disclose information when required by law; when needed to protect our rights, privacy, safety, property, donors, or users; and when necessary to enforce our terms of service.

Updates

We may change the Donor Privacy Policy from time to time. Any and all changes will be reflected on this page. Substantive changes may also be announced through the standard mechanisms by which we

communicate with our donors and community. You should periodically check this page for any changes to the current policy.

Data retention

We seek to retain donor-related information only as needed to fulfill the purposes described in this policy unless a longer retention period is required by law or regulations. For example, tax laws in the United States may require Pawsitivity Service Dogs to keep contact information and contribution levels of donors on file.

Rights and contact information

You have certain rights with respect to the information we collect about you. Upon request, we will tell you what information we hold about you and correct any incorrect information. We will also make reasonable efforts to delete your information if you ask us to do so, unless we are otherwise required to keep it.

To request a correction to donor information, update contact information, opt out of donor communications, or ask questions about this policy, please contact Pawsitivity Service Dogs at mail@pawsitivityservicedogs.com.