



Florida Panhandle Marine Institute

Sea Turtle & Dolphin Rescue Volunteer Application Form

Contact Information, * = required

Date: _____

Name*: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

E-mail*: _____

Cell Phone*: (____) _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Schedule

Current Employer: _____ Current Occupation: _____

Availability during the week: Su M Tu W Th F Sa (circle all that apply)

Best time to reach you? _____

Questionnaire (answers can be added on extra pages if need be)

Have you volunteered with an animal rescue/rehab organization before? Yes No

If yes, where) _____

Do you currently volunteer with any other organizations? Yes No

If Yes, please list: _____

How did you hear about the volunteer program with FPMI? _____

Why do you want to volunteer with FPMI/ what skills do you hope to gain? _____

Do you have any career goals that might be influenced by volunteering with FPMI? _____

What are your most valuable skills/what experience can you bring to the FPMI program? _____

What are your areas of interest (check all that apply):

- Database management
- Marine mammal rehab***
- Sea turtle husbandry
- Habitat maintenance
- Educational/classroom outreach
- Office/organization work
- Stranding response – deceased
- ***Participation only after staff approval and proven dedication**
- Marine mammal necropsy
- Public speaking/presentation
- Stranding response – live***

Please read the following information, as it is pertinent for anyone wishing to volunteer with this program.

While volunteering with FPMI, some tasks may include lifting, bending, or carrying heavy supplies or large animals that weigh more than 25 lbs. Additionally, FPMI works in a variety of weather conditions; most frequently we find ourselves out in hot, humid weather. If you have any health or physical conditions that might impact your ability to work in these conditions, please list them here:

Volunteers sometimes interact with other members of the general public during rescue or outreach activities. Are you comfortable talking to the public? Yes No

If so, are you willing to participate in educational/outreach/fundraising events? Yes No

Please list any previous relevant experience here:

As a volunteer, you will potentially be travelling to facilities that house marine mammals and/or sea turtles that will not be released into the natural habitat. Knowing that, please briefly describe how you feel about animal ambassadors living in permanent human care.

While responding to stranded animals, unfortunately humane euthanasia is sometimes the best course of action (chosen after careful consideration of the veterinary staff and government representatives). While you would never be forced to witness, assist with, observe, etc. an event such as this, please briefly describe how you feel about it.

FPMI conducts many necropsies on deceased animals. These events are critical in learning about the possible cause of death, but more importantly about the general health of the species, populations, and environment they live in. Would you be comfortable with/interested in assisting with a necropsy? Yes No

Please return this completed application to the FPMI Stranding Coordinator:

E-mail: info@gulfworldmarineinstitute.org
Mail: Florida Panhandle Marine Institute, Inc.
ATTN: Stranding Coordinator
108 N Gulf Blvd
Unit 104C
Panama City Beach, FL 32413

Please understand that we may not contact you immediately, but will reach out based on our needs and how they align with your presented information. Thank you for your interest in our program! Also, important to note in early 2026: our sea turtle and marine mammal rehabilitation operations are temporarily paused while we rebuild, but you may still indicate interest in those areas while submitting your application. Our volunteers are still active with stranding response, necropsy, and education/outreach events.