



Volunteer Application

One of the best gifts you can give is the donation of time. The Ontario County Humane Society relies heavily on the generosity and dedication of our amazing team of volunteers. Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Happy Tails Animal Shelter!

Applicant Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Address _____

Phone # (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

Birthdate ____ / ____ / ____ Parent or Guardian Contact (required if under 18) _____

What is your reason for volunteering at Happy Tails Animal Shelter? _____

Tell us about yourself! Include any special skills and/or anything you'd like us to know about yourself: _____

Occupation _____ Are you currently volunteering anywhere else? _____

If yes, where and in what way? _____

What volunteer opportunities are you interested in? Check all that apply:

- Cat room assistant AM/PM: Assisting staff with cleaning and caring for feline residents _____
- Dog ward assistant AM/PM: Assisting staff with cleaning and caring for K9 residents _____
- Shelter assistant AM/PM: assisting staff with day-to-day shelter chores, help keep OCHS squeaky clean! _____
- Cat socializing AM/PM: supervising play and socializing in the Adoption Cat Room _____
- Dog walking STRONG PULL: walking large breed dogs and/or dogs that can pull a lot _____
- Dog walking MEDIUM PULL: walking medium breed dogs and/or dogs that can pull some _____
- Dog walking NO PULL: walking small breed dogs and/or dogs that can only pull a little _____
- Dog grooming: bathing dogs, clipping nails, and/or trimming hair. No experience necessary but should be comfortable with dogs of all sizes and temperaments _____
- Cat grooming: nail trimming, brushing, and sometimes bathing. No experience necessary but should be comfortable with cats of all temperaments _____
- Community outreach: assisting with fundraisers and special events _____
- Other activities: miscellaneous activities like landscaping, painting, building projects, and more. There are so many ways to help! _____
- Revenue Development Committee: a dedicated group of volunteers who help plan and organize fundraising events _____

Availability: What days are you available? Do you prefer morning or afternoon? _____



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Emergency Contact Information: Who should we contact in the event of an emergency?

Name _____ Phone # _____ Relationship to volunteer _____

Volunteer Guidelines & Hold Harmless Agreement

Happy Tails Animal Shelter at the Ontario County Humane Society values our volunteers and considers your safety our number-one priority. We are grateful for your commitment to the shelter and strive to make your time here a rewarding experience. To ensure this, we humbly ask that you:

- 1) Respect the rules of the shelter and each other.
- 2) Honor your scheduled shift—please don't come to the shelter without advance notice. We know how precious your time is and don't want you coming all the way if there's nothing for you to do.
- 3) Call the shelter if you won't be able to fulfill your shift at (585) 396-4590.

Many of the animals sheltered at the Ontario County Humane Society are being held as "evidence" in ongoing court cases. Because of that, as a volunteer, I agree to the following confidentiality guidelines:

- 1) Cell phones should not be brought out while in the kennels without permission.
- 2) Photos of our animals are prohibited without express permission.
- 3) Recordings are prohibited.
- 4) Court cases may not be discussed.
- 5) Unless authorized, handling of our dogs is done solely by our staff members.

I hereby release and agree to hold harmless the promoters, owners and lessees of the premises, the participants, and officers, directors, officials, representatives, agents and employees of all of them, of and from liability, loss, claim, and demands that may occur from loss, damage or injury (including death) to my person, property or pet in any way resulting from or arising in connection with this, and whether arising while engaging animals or preparation therefore, or while upon entering or departing from said premises, from any cause whatsoever except liability loss, claim and demands that occur as a direct result of the negligent acts of the Ontario County Humane Society or its agents. I know the risk and danger to myself, property and pets while upon said premises, so voluntarily and in reliance upon my own judgment and ability, I thereby assume all risk of loss, damage or injury (including death) to myself and my property from any cause whatsoever, except where such loss, damage or injury (including death) is the direct result of negligent acts of the Ontario County Humane Society or its agents. I have read the Volunteer Guidelines & Hold Harmless Agreement and understand it. I am aware that there is limited insurance coverage for medical bills I may incur for injury that might occur while I am at the Ontario County Humane Society. I am aware as a parent/guardian I am the responsible party for minors. I agree to the Volunteer Guidelines & Hold Harmless Agreement:

Signature _____ Date _____



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Release of Liability

In return for being allowed to participate in Ontario County Humane Society's volunteer activities and all related activities, including any activities incidental to such participation ("Volunteer Activities"), the undersigned Volunteer or Parent/Legal Guardian of Volunteer if Volunteer is under age 18 (hereafter referred to using "I," "me" or "my") releases and agrees not to sue the Humane Society or its officers, directors, employees, sub-contractors, sponsors, agents and affiliates ("Happy Tails") from all present and future claims that may be made by me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns for property damage, personal injury or wrongful death arising as a result of my participation in the Volunteer Activities wherever, whenever or however the same may occur. I understand and agree that Happy Tails is not responsible for any injury or property damage arising out of the Volunteer Activities, even if caused by their ordinary negligence or otherwise. I understand that participation in the Volunteer Activities involves certain risks, including, but not limited to, serious injury and death. I am voluntarily participating in the Volunteer Activities with knowledge of the danger involved and I agree to accept all risks of participation. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless Happy Tails for all claims arising out of my participation in the Volunteer Activities. I understand that this document is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the state in which the Volunteer Activities take place and agree that if any portion of this Agreement is invalid, the remainder will continue in full legal force and effect. I also acknowledge that Happy Tails has not arranged and does not carry any insurance of any kind for my benefit or that of volunteer (if volunteer is under 18), my parents, guardians, trustees, heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns. I represent that, to my knowledge, I am in good health and suffer no physical impairment that would or should prevent my participation in volunteer activities. I also understand that this document is a contract that grants certain rights to and eliminates the liability of Happy Tails. I am of legal age and am freely signing this agreement. I have read this form and understand that by signing this form, I am giving up legal rights and remedies.

Signature _____ Date _____

Terms & Conditions

I confirm that the information on this application is correct. I acknowledge that my services are offered at my own risk. I agree to adhere to the Ontario County Humane Society's policies and carry out my duties as a volunteer effectively. Minors need to be at least 16 to volunteer without an adult present, although the Ontario County Humane Society reserves the right to ask for an adult to be present for minors 16 and over. The Ontario County Humane Society recommends that all volunteers be current on their tetanus vaccination. There is not coverage or payment to volunteers for injuries/illnesses that happen related to your volunteer position. The Ontario County Humane Society follows the City of Canandaigua School District's weather closings; if the school district closes for inclement weather, volunteers are asked not to report. Your information will not be shared, except in the case of another staff member or volunteer wishing to reach you for a work-related purpose. All volunteers are expected to maintain confidentiality of any personal information of members, customers, staff, or volunteers they encounter in the course of their work here.

Signature _____ Date _____

For Parents & Legal Guardians

If under 18 years of age, parent or guardian must sign for the minor. I am the parent or legal guardian of the volunteer. I am of legal age and am freely signing this agreement. I have read this form and understand that by signing this form, I am giving up legal rights and remedies.

Signature _____ Date _____