



## VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

We value the generosity of our volunteers! Volunteers make an enormous impact on the lives of our shelter animals. The most precious gift you can give is the gift of time, and we appreciate you choosing to give your time to Happy Tails Animal Shelter at the Ontario County Humane Society. Please complete this application if you're a prospective or existing volunteer.

**Once complete, email the form to [volunteer@ontariocountyhumanesociety.org](mailto:volunteer@ontariocountyhumanesociety.org)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (C): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in receiving the Ontario County Humane Society Newsletter by email?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if volunteer is under age 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or legal guardian email (required if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency contact information:** Who should we contact in case of an emergency?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**What volunteer position(s) are you interested in?** Mark all that apply:

- Animal Care—Cat Kennel Cleaner
  - Animal Care—Cat Socializer
  - Animal Care—Dog Groomer (for certified groomers)
  - Animal Care—Dog Kennel Assistant
  - Animal Care—Dog Walker & Socializer
- To help our staff identify if you're able to walk powerful dogs with a strong pull, smaller dogs with less pull, or little dogs with no pull, please list your preference of the dogs you are comfortable walking:*
- STRONG PULL
  - MEDIUM PULL
  - NO PULL
- Animal Care—Rescue Readers
  - Communications, e.g., media relations, social media, newsletter writing/design, etc.
  - Fundraising
  - Grant Writing
  - Photography
  - Special Events
  - Visitor Services
  - Volunteer Services—Dog Walking Coordinator
  - Volunteer Services—Volunteer Coordinator

**Special skills:** Tell us a little about yourself and anything you'd like us to know about you. Are you allergic to cats? Are you a certified dog groomer? Are you a computer whiz?

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**Occupation—employment/career position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently volunteering your time, or have you in the past? If so, where and in what capacity?**

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**Availability—check all that apply:**

	Morning (8 a.m. – 12 p.m.)	Afternoon (12-3 p.m.)
Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **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.

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 Terms and Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18 years of age,  
parent or guardian must sign for the minor: \_\_\_\_\_

### **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 under-signed 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.

I agree to the  
Release of Liability: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 of Parent/Legal Guardian  
(if under 18 years of age): \_\_\_\_\_

**Terms and 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.

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.

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.

I agree to the Terms and Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you!**