Shelter Volunteer Application Form

A Little More About Getting Involved

Volunteers who have been active for at least six months prior to the Annual General Meeting in June are eligible to participate in discussions and vote on key decisions. While anyone is welcome to attend, voting privileges are reserved for active volunteers who meet the six-month requirement.Active volunteers may also have the opportunity to become a member of the Board of Directors and take a more active role in helping guide and support the Gananoque & District Humane Society.

GDHS is a volunteer run, no kill cat shelter that takes in abandoned or surrendered cats. We do not receive guaranteed funding and rely on the generosity of our community. Verison 1: APRIL 2026

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Gananoque & District Humane Society!

* Required

1. **Your Full name:** *

2. Full mailing address:
   Address, City, Province, and Postal Code *

3. **Cellphone number** *

4. **Email** *

5. **Best way to contact you:** *

- ◯ Call
- ◯ Text
- ◯ Email

6. **Are you 18 years or older?** *

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

7. **If you answered "No" above, please provide your date of birth:**

8. **What days you're available to volunteer?** *

- ◯ Sunday
- ◯ Monday
- ◯ Tuesday
- ◯ Wednesday
- ◯ Thursday
- ◯ Friday
- ◯ Saturday

9. **Purpose for volunteering:** *

- ◯ Personal interest
- ◯ School volunteer hours *Students under 16 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.*

10. **If completing for school, please provide:**

Name of school:

11. When are your school service hours due?

12. Emergency Contact Information
Full Name / Relationship: *

13. **Cellphone number:** *

14. **Alterative number:**

15. **Please select the volunteer area(s) that interest you:**

- [ ] **Lobby:** Interact with adoptable cats; clean cages, floor and other surfaces; exchange litter pans; exchange food and water bowls; observe and report any health or behavior concerns. **Training:** 3 training sessions required. **Time Commitment:** One morning per week, approximately 2 – 3½ hours, starting at 9:00 am.
- [ ] **Recovery, Nursery & Quarantine:** Provide gentle care to cats who are not yet ready for adoption. Responsibilities include cleaning enclosures, refreshing litter pans, replacing food and water, and closely observing and reporting any health or behavior concerns. Additional specialized procedures and instructions must be followed to support each cat's recovery and wellbeing. **Training:** 3 training sessions required. **Time Commitment:** One morning per week, approximately 2 – 3½ hours, starting at 9:00 am.
- [ ] **Dishes & Laundry:** Help keep our shelter cats healthy by washing and sanitizing food and water bowls and related items in accordance with shelter protocols. Also includes putting away clean dishes and folding and organizing bedding and towels. **Training:** 1 training session required. **Time Commitment:** One morning per week, approximately 2 – 3½ hours, starting at 9:00 am.
- [ ] **Pans & Laundry:** This vital role keeps the shelter clean and healthy. Responsibilities include emptying and sanitizing litter pans, refilling with fresh litter, cleaning shelter footwear according to shelter protocols, and washing, drying, and organizing soiled laundry. **Training:** 1 training session required. **Time Commitment:** One morning per week, approximately 3 hours, starting at 9:00 am.
- [ ] **Cat Socializing:** Help keep cats and kittens happy, stimulated, and adoption-ready through gentle handling, play, and calm companionship, to support their social development and wellbeing. **Training:** 1 training session required. **Time Commitment:** One hour per week, between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm (1:00–2:00 pm or 2:00–3:00 pm).
- [ ] **Cat Grooming:** Assist with basic grooming to help keep cats comfortable and healthy. Duties may include brushing and combing fur and trimming nails. **Training:** Experienced volunteers only. Please discuss this role with staff.
- [ ] **TNR Support:** Trapping feral/community cats and transporting cats to and from Brockville for spay/neuter appointments. **Training:** Provided. **Time Commitment:** Flexible as needed — volunteers can help when their schedule allows.
- [ ] **Occasional One-Time Tasks:** Tasks may include delivering/picking up supplies, and/or transporting cats.

16. **Let us know what other skills or experience you have that could benefit GDHS:**

- [ ] Carpentry & painting
- [ ] Landscaping & gardening
- [ ] Repair & maintenance
- [ ] Fundraising & event support
- [ ] Photography & graphic design
- [ ] Social media & communications
- [ ] Other skills or experience (please specify below)

17. **If you selected "Other" in Question 21, please provide details:**

18. Relevant Skills or Experience
What animals do you currently care for at home?*(Please list species.)*

19. **Please briefly describe any relevant skills, experience, or training you have, and why you are interested in volunteering with GDHS:**

20. **Do you have any allergies or sensitivities that may affect your volunteer work with GDHS?**

21. **Are there any physical limitations or accommodations we should be aware of to help ensure you can volunteer safely?**

22. **VOLUNTEER: WAIVER OF LIABILITY FOR VOLUNTEERS OF THE GANANOQUE DISTRICT & HUMANE SOCIETY**

The undersigned acknowledges that he or she will be performing certain volunteer services for the Gananoque & District Humane Society (GDHS). The undersigned further acknowledges that certain risks may be associated with such volunteer services. In consideration of being permitted to perform suchvolunteer services for GDHS, the undersigned voluntarily and knowingly executes this waver with the express intention of waiving any and all rights and causes of action involving, without limitation, bodily injury, infection or property damage to the undersigned while the undersigned is engaged directly orindirectly in such volunteer services whether caused by the negligence of GDHS or its officers, directors, agents, employees. Further the undersigned shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless GDHS and its officers, directors, agents, employees, jointly or individually, for bodily injury or property damage as aresult of the undersigned's services contemplated herein.

The information provided above will be kept confidential and used only to help ensure your safety and to provide appropriate support or accommodations during your volunteer activities.

Volunteer: Disclaimer and Signature
By signing below, I confirm that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. *

- ◯ I agree
- ◯ I disagree

23. **Volunteer: Consent & Authorization:** Electronic Signature (Type your full legal name) *

24. Date signed *

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Parent/Guardian: Disclaimer and Signature
By signing below, I confirm that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. *

- ◯ I agree
- ◯ I disagree

26. A parent's or guardian's signature is required if the volunteer is under 18 years old.
Signature of Parent/Guardian: Consent & Authorization: Electronic Signature (Type your full legal name) *

27. Date signed *

28. **(Office Use Only)**
Date application received:

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