



Gananoque & District HUMANE SOCIETY

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Shelter Volunteer Application Form

*Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Gananoque & District Humane Society!
Volunteers primarily work on-site at the shelter.*

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____

Province, and Postal Code: _____

Cellphone #: _____ Email: _____

Please circle: Best way to contact you: **Phone** **Text** **Email**

Please circle: Are you 18 or older: **Yes** **No** (Provide birthdate): _____

Please circle: What days you're available to volunteer. **Sun** **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Cellphone #: _____ Alternative #: _____

PURPOSE FOR VOLUNTEERING

Personal Interest: _____ School Volunteer Hours: _____

If completing for school, please provide:

Name of School: _____

When are your school service hours due? _____

***Students under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian while volunteering at the shelter.**

(Office Use Only)

Date Application Received: _____

SHELTER OPERATIONS – CAT CARE VOLUNTEER

Please check which volunteer positions you are most interested in.

_____ 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 2–3 hours, starting at 9:00 am

_____ Recovery, Nursery & Quarantine

Provide gentle care and support to cats who are not yet ready for adoption. Responsibilities are similar to lobby care and 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: Completion of Lobby Cat Care training and experience, plus additional specialized training

Time Commitment: One morning per week, approximately 1–2 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 2–3 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.

_____ Occasional One-Time Tasks

Tasks may include delivering/picking up supplies, and/or transporting cats.

Training: Provided as needed, depending on the task

Time Commitment: Flexible, based on shelter needs and volunteer availability

Let us know what other skills you have that may benefit GDHS:

_____ Carpentry and painting

_____ Data Entry

_____ Landscaping and gardening

_____ Repair and maintenance

_____ Other: _____

RELEVANT SKILLS OR EXPERIENCE

What animals do you currently care for at home? (Please list species) _____

Please briefly describe any relevant skills, experience, and training and why are you are interested in volunteering with us:

GENERAL INFORMATION

Do you have any allergies we should be aware of? _____

Do you have any physical or medical limitations we should be aware of? _____

For office use:

Date of application review: _____

To whom will the application be forwarded for Special Interests: _____

Volunteer start date: _____

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 such volunteer services for GDHS, the undersigned voluntarily and knowingly executes this waiver 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 or indirectly 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 a result of the undersigned's services contemplated herein.

Signature of Volunteer _____

Date _____

Note: A parent's or guardian's signature is required if the volunteer is under 18 years old

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

Signature of GDHS Representative _____

Date _____

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Gananoque & District Humane Society. Our volunteers are an essential part of our team. Once we review your application, we will contact you to help match you with a suitable volunteer position.