



Gananoque & District Humane Society

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Volunteer Application

Personal Information

Your name _____ Date of birth* _____

*required if under 18

Address _____

Mobile/text# _____ Tel 2# _____

Email _____

Please circle best way to contact you: Phone Text Email

Emergency Contact Information

Name _____ Relationship to you _____

Mobile/text# _____ Tel 2# _____

Volunteering location preference

In shelter (cat/premises care)____ In your home (fostering)____ Various (fundraising/odd jobs)____

Reason for Volunteering

Personal interest____ **School service hours____

**If school service hours, name of school _____

When are your school service hours due? _____

*Students under 16 yrs. must be accompanied by a parent or guardian while working in the shelter.

Date Application Received (office use only)

Animal Experience

What animals do you currently care for at home?

Do you have any special experience or training in animal care?

General Information

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

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

Do you have expertise or training in other areas that you would like to offer as a Humane Society volunteer (like fundraising, office skills, social media, advertising, financial/bookkeeping, computer, Microsoft Office, Graphic Arts, website building, gardening, carpentry, handyman skills, etc.)?

We thank you for your interest in volunteering with Gananoque & District Humane Society. Our volunteers are a vital and valued part of our organization. Once we have reviewed your application, we will contact you with a view to matching you with a volunteer position.

Please indicate which volunteer positions you are most interested in

SHELTER OPERATIONS

Caring for shelter animals and their environment

___Lobby

Interact with adoptable cats; clean cages, floor and other surfaces; exchange litter pans; exchange food and water bowls; observe and report any concerns.

Training: 3 sessions

Time commitment: One morning a week for approx. 2-3 hours starting 9:00 am

___Recovery, Nursery, Quarantine

Interact with not-yet-adoptable cats; similar to lobby but with additional specialized instructions.

Training: Lobby training and experience + additional instructions.

Time commitment: One morning a week for approx. 1-2 hours starting at 9:00 am

___Dishes & Laundry

Clean and sanitize food and water bowls and related items according to shelter protocols; put away dishes; fold and put away laundry (bedding etc.)

Training: 1 session

Time commitment: One morning a week for approx. 2-3 hrs.

___Pans & Laundry

As cleanliness is vital to a healthy shelter environment, this job is very important. Roll up your sleeves, put on rubber gloves and get scrubbing! Empty dirty litter pans and dispose of waste; wash and sanitize litter pans according to shelter protocols, place in drying rack, fill dry pans with fresh litter; wash and sanitize shelter footwear (Crocs), place on drying rack, place dry shoes in caddy; clean soiled laundry using washing machine and dryer; empty dryer.

Training: 1 session

Time commitment: One morning a week for approx. 3 hours

___Cat Socializing

Interact with shelter cats and kittens with the objective of keeping them stimulated, happy, sociable, and highly adoptable. May involve any or all of cuddling, handling, playing with toys, chatting, grooming, hanging out and keeping company with a variety of cats.

Training: 1 session

Time commitment: One hour a week, between 1-3pm (1-2pm or 2-3pm)

___Cat Grooming

Brush and comb fur, trim nails.

Experienced volunteers only. Discuss with staff.

___Miscellaneous

Occasional and one-off jobs, as assigned; could be such things as driving to pick up or deliver items; repairs, painting or carpentry; participating in events; garden and premises needs; etc.

FUNDRAISING

___Bottle Recycling

Must have your own vehicle. Sort and contain donated bottles and cans from the bottle donation shed, load them into your vehicle and take them to the Beer Store for cash redemption. Deliver cash envelope and receipt to shelter.

Training: 1 briefing

Time commitment: one day a week (about 1 hour)

___Bingo Floor Associate

Attend a scheduled bingo game at [Play! Gaming and Entertainment](#) in Kingston, following their instructions to ensure a successful bingo experience for their clientele. Must be able to stand/walk for two hours. Must have your own transportation.

Training: on-site

Time commitment: one session (approx. 2 hrs.) monthly

___ Fundraising Event Associate

May include any of the following:

- Pre-event organization
- Event set-up & take-down
- Putting up posters
- Food/kitchen help at events
- Bartending (must have SmartServe)
- Transporting goods to/from events
- Managing bake/craft sale tables
- Managing silent auction tables
- General help during events
- Social media/website skills

FOSTERING

___ Caring for kittens and cats in your home

If interested in Fostering, we will forward a separate application.



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 _____