



## Under 18 Volunteer Application

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### 11 and under

- Consider reading to an animal or playing a card game in the cat room as a family. Children under 12 are not allowed to formally volunteer, but can help desensitize our animals to the sounds and movements of a family.

### 12yrs - 13yrs

- Please review the "Pre-teen" job description
- Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian
- Pre-teen volunteers are not allowed to handle the animals

### 14yrs - 15yrs

- Please review the "Junior teen" job description
- Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian
- Junior teen volunteers are allowed to handle the animals with staff supervision

### 16yrs - 17yrs

- Please review the "teen" job description
- Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian
- Teen volunteers are allowed to handle the animals with staff supervision

Applicant Information		
Name:		Date:
Date of Birth:		Over 18:    Yes    or    No
Street Address:		
Mailing Address (if Different):		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Alt. Phone:	School:
Email:		

Emergency Contact Information	
Primary Emergency Contact:	Phone:
Secondary Emergency Contact:	Phone:
Do you have any medical conditions, or allergies? (Emergency personnel will be notified if necessary.)	

### Related Education and Experience

Please list any educational degrees, professional programs, courses, or mentored experiences you have taken that you believe would be helpful as a volunteer with SHHS. Please include present enrollments and use an additional sheet if necessary.

Name of School	Dates Attended	Major(s)	Degree/Certification

If you are seeking credit for school mandated community service, please indicate your school, the number of required hours, and a contact person.

Contact Person:

Phone:

Have you ever volunteered with SHHS before?                      Yes                      No

If so, in what capacity?

Do you have other experiences with animals?                      Yes                      No

If so, in what capacity?

### Availability

Please check the days/times you are likely to be available to volunteer.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mornings Approx. 8am - 11am							
Afternoons Approx. 11am - 2pm							
Evenings Approx. 2pm - 5pm							

Are you interested in committing on a recurring basis, or intermittently?

What are your interests?

	Cat Care		Fundraising/Events
	Dog Care		Photography

### Additional Background and Safety Information

Your responses to these statements will not necessarily restrict you from volunteering, but rather assist the coordinator in appropriately placing you within our organization.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, please elaborate.

Have you ever been convicted of animal neglect, or abuse? If yes, please elaborate.

Do you have a valid driver's license?                      Yes                      No

Do you have any weight lifting restrictions? If yes, please elaborate.

### Social Media Release

I give my consent to Stray Haven Humane Society & SPCA and its employees, representatives, and authorized media organizations permission to print, photograph, and record my person for use in audio, video, film, or any other electronic, digital and printed media.     Yes                       No

### Attestation and Signature

I understand that submitting this application does not automatically register me as a volunteer for Stray Haven, and that there are certain qualifications I must meet.

1. Complete the application fully and accurately.
2. Submit the application to Stray Haven.
3. Attend an orientation as scheduled by the Volunteer Coordinator.
4. Read and become familiar with any/all training materials.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### For Office Use ONLY

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Coordinator Approval: Yes / No    Initial: \_\_\_\_\_    Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**First Attempt:**  
Contacted by phone / email on: \_\_\_\_\_

Schedule for Volunteer Orientation on: \_\_\_\_\_



## Volunteer Release of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement

***Our mission at Stray Haven Humane Society is to ensure  
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All persons volunteering at the shelter or participating in any event or activity organized or sponsored, in whole or in part, by Stray Haven Humane Society & SPCA are required to read, agree to, and sign this waiver before participating in any such event or activity. Please acknowledge that you have read each section by initialing where indicated.

### 1. Waiver of Liability for Services Performed On Site

I hereby release and forever discharge Stray Haven Humane Society & SPCA, its employees, directors, officers, administrators, agents, and assigns (hereinafter collectively and severally referred to as "SPCA") from all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or suits of any kind whatsoever, and particularly on account of any injuries, to person or property sustained while performing services, voluntary or otherwise, at the SPCA facility located at 194 Shepard Road, Waverly, NY 14892.

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### 2. Waiver of Liability for Services Performed Off Site

I hereby release and forever discharge SPCA, and any off site organization from all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or suits of any kind whatsoever, and particularly on account of any injuries, to person or property sustained while performing services, voluntary or otherwise, on behalf of, or in conjunction with, SPCA which occurs as a result of participation in any event or activity sponsored or endorsed by SPCA, including, but not limited to, any event or activity promoted in connection with SPCA or it's membership program and travels to/from any such event.

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### 3. Waiver of Liability for Services Performed at the SPCA and other Off Site Adoption Locations

I hereby agree that I am providing volunteer services to SPCA, assisting in pet adoptions. This may also include assisting in adoption of pets through SPCA at local stores or other off-site adoption locations. Other off-site adoption locations, include but are not limited to: Petsmart, Petco, Tractor Supply I understand that SPCA, or other off-site adoption locations are not responsible for any illness or injury caused by any animals that I come into contact with during my volunteer work. I agree to hold harmless and release from liability SPCA and all other off-site adoption locations should I become sick or injured from any animal as a result of my volunteer work.

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### 4. Responsibility for Personal Pets and Agreement to indemnify

I agree that any injury, damage, or loss, of any kind whatsoever, to any person, animal, or property at any SPCA event, or at the SPCA facility, caused by my own pet, or a pet which is otherwise in my possession, is solely my responsibility and I will indemnify, save and hold harmless SPCA from any damages, costs, losses and expenses including, but not limited to bodily injury, property damage, including but not limited to legal fees, court costs, and litigation expenses.

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5. Responsibility to Report Injuries

I agree to immediately report all injuries or disease I may receive while on the property of the SPCA facility or while working in the service of the SPCA, including but not limited to animal bites, deep scratches, and slips or falls. I agree to file an incident report immediately following any such injury. If I am unable to file a written report, I agree to contact the Executive Director or shelter manager within 24 hours of the incident and inform them of said incident.

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6. Agreement of Indemnify

I further agree that if, despite the Release of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement I or anyone on my behalf makes a claim against the SPCA, I will indemnify, save and hold harmless the SPCA from any damages, losses and expenses including, but not limited to, legal fees, court cost and litigation expenses. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the SPCA from any and all liability, damage, loss, cost and expense incurred as a result of any claim, demand or cause of action brought against the SPCA, jointly or individually, for bodily injury, death or property damage suffered as a result of my own negligent, reckless or willful act, omission in the performance of failure to perform his/her volunteer services. (EXAMPLE: a volunteer is drunk driving a SPCA van which then hits and kills a 3rd person. Estate of a 3rd person sues SPCA, the signer of this agrees to pay the judgment against the SPCA.)

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7. Acknowledgements

Neither this waiver nor the circumstances leading to its execution shall be deemed acknowledgement by the SPCA that, as of the date hereof, any such claim exists or will exist or that the activities and events of the SPCA are hazardous or present any unusual risks. I acknowledge and agree that I:

- a) Fully understand the meaning of this release and waiver and recognize my right to seek the advice of an attorney before signing it;
- b) Have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature;
- c) Intend it to be a complete unconditional release of liability to the greatest extent allowed by law; and
- d) Agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance notwithstanding shall continue in full force and effect.

This release is binding on my heirs, executors, assigns and administrators. The undersigned is aware of the risks of attending, traveling to and participating in said events or activities and hereby assumes all risks. The risks include those foreseen and unforeseen, known and unknown.

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I hereby declare that I am over the age of eighteen (18) years old and that I have read and understood and voluntarily accepted the terms and conditions of this Release of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement. If I am not over the age of eighteen (18) years old, I have provided a guardian signature and the guardian agrees to have read, understood, and has voluntarily accepted the terms of this agreement on my behalf.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name (Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

SPCA Management Signature: \_\_\_\_\_