

# Animal Shelter Volunteer Agreement and Code of Conduct

Please read the following agreement and code of conduct carefully. This document must be completed, signed, and printed prior to beginning your volunteer service at the animal shelter.

## Volunteer Information

Full Name:

Street Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Emergency Contact Name & Relationship:

Emergency Contact Phone:

## Volunteer Code of Conduct

As a volunteer, I agree to adhere to the following principles and policies:

- **Animal Welfare:** I will treat all animals in the shelter with kindness, respect, and compassion. I will never use physical force, verbal abuse, or any form of punishment on an animal.
- **Safety Standards:** I will follow all safety protocols, hygiene guidelines, and isolation rules established by the shelter staff to prevent the spread of disease and ensure human and animal safety.
- **Professionalism:** I will represent the shelter in a professional manner, treating staff, fellow volunteers, and members of the public with respect and courtesy.
- **Reliability:** I will honor my volunteer commitments and shift schedules. If I am unable to attend my shift, I will notify the volunteer coordinator as soon as possible.
- **Confidentiality:** I will maintain the confidentiality of all shelter records, donor information, adopter details, and internal operations.

## Liability Waiver and Release

I understand that handling animals poses inherent risks of injury, including but not limited to bites, scratches, and disease transmission. I voluntarily assume these risks and release the animal shelter, its staff, and its board members from any and all liability, claims, or demands arising out of my participation as a volunteer.

## Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agreed to abide by this Volunteer Agreement and Code of Conduct.

Volunteer Signature:

Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

If the volunteer is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must also sign below:

Parent/Guardian Printed Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date (MM/DD/YYYY):