

North County Humane Society

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Volunteer Application

Name _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Ph: () _____ Cell Ph: () _____ Home Ph: () _____

Categories & Descriptions

(Circle your choices)

- 1) **CAT CARE:** Morning and evening shifts available (approx. 2-3 hours). Cleaning cat cages, sweeping, sanitizing, scooping litter, watering and basic housekeeping chores in the shelter.
- 2) **ADOPTION COUNSELOR:** Work at the Shelter or at off-site locations. If you want to help our Shelter kitties find a good home, this is the place for you! Training is provided to help you screen potential adopters and assist in filling out applications. Off-site 'Adopt-A-Pet' requires transporting kitties and supplies and these are usually held on the weekends.
- 3) **CAT SOCIALIZER:** Visiting the Shelter to spend time with the cats and kittens that need grooming as well as working with shy animals. Experience in cat handling is preferred; however, training will be provided if needed.
- 4) **SPECIAL PROJECTS:** Here's an idea of the wide variety of choices including: distributing flyers and newsletters; picking up collections; fundraising committee helpers; committee chairperson and/or members Board Member; office help; and animal welfare issues. Let us know your special talents – we NEED your HELP!
- 5) **FOSTER CARE:** Provide care and shelter for cats and kittens. We often have mother cats with nursing letters, babies that need to be bottle fed, and babies too young to be here in the Shelter. We provide training as needed.
- 6) **SHOP FOR THE SHELTER:** Off-site at Food 4 Less and KMART
Help with collecting supplies from our "wish List" that are essential for the daily operation of care and feeding for our shelter animals

7) **DATA ENTRY:** Data entry, phone and office work.

8) **GRANT WRITING**

9) **CLEAN-UP:** Always needed to keep our cats happy and healthy.

10) **CONSTRUCTION**

11) **OFF-SITE ADOPTIONS at PETCO:** This gives the cats more exposure to prospective adopters. We take the kitties to the public rather than the public coming to us.

12) **TABLING FOR SPECIAL EVENTS:** Setting up tables with brochures and educational information for the public; also needed for special events.

13) **OTHER:** Any special skills, knowledge or simply enthusiasm will always be appreciated.

Signature

Date

UNDERSTANDING OF WAIVER OF CERTAIN RIGHTS

Everyone at AFAR/North County Humane Society is deeply grateful for the vital services contributed to our humane work by our caring volunteers. Our volunteer program has become an important and integral part of NCHS. On behalf of the animals that you help, thank you for contributing your precious time and energy, and for helping NCHS be an organization of which we can all be proud.

1. **Workmen's Compensation:** Under our Workmen's Compensation policy, our volunteers are not classified as "employees" and are therefore ineligible for coverage for injuries that might be sustained while volunteering for AFAR/NCHS. Unfortunately, we are also unable to afford to offer any alternative insurance coverage for our volunteers.
2. **Tetanus Waiver:** It is important for all volunteers to have a tetanus vaccination. I understand that because I may handle animals, it is important to discuss being vaccinated against tetanus with my physician.
3. **Rabies Waiver:** I understand that because I may handle animals, it is important to discuss the rabies pre-exposure vaccination series with my physician.

For the purposes of obtaining permission from the AFAR/North County Humane Society to perform services for the Society, I certify that I am an adult 18 years of age or older and have no physical or mental handicaps or impairments (e.g. diabetes, asthma, allergies, pregnancy, etc.) which might adversely affect the performance of the activities which I desire to undertake on behalf of the Society. I propose to serve without compensation as a volunteer whenever it shall be agreed upon by me and the Society. At all times I will act entirely on my own initiative, risk, and responsibility within the direction of the Society's operating personnel. I am aware of the dangers which are inherent in the handling and presence of animals and the hazards which are encountered in the course of the normal pursuit of life and living.

UNDERSTANDING OF WAIVER OF CERTAIN RIGHTS, cont.

Now in consideration of the aforementioned, I make the following commitments:

1. I assume responsibility for all risks of loss or damage or injuries that may be suffered by me to my property in the course of my duties.
2. I release, discharge and indemnify the Society and its personnel in respect to claims on account of any injury, loss or damage sustained by me from any cause related to my volunteer services.
3. I authorize the Society to seek emergency medical treatment in case of accident, illness, or injury and to hold harmless the agency to the outcome of same.
4. I agree to wear a volunteer name badge (first name only) while volunteering at the shelter or at off site shelter activities. Yes_____ No_____
5. FOR MINORS ONLY. I will allow my minor child to wear a volunteer name badge (first name only) while volunteering at the shelter or at off-site shelter activities. Yes_____ No_____

Signed by: _____ Date: _____

Name (Print): _____

Address: _____

Phone: Daytime: _____ (Evening/Weekend: _____

Email: _____

In case of Emergency, notify: _____ Phone #: _____

If under age 18, Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Volunteer Signature: _____ - _____

Date of application: _____

AFAR/NCHS Staff Signature: _____