

Humane Society of Dorchester County Inc.

Volunteer Application and Waiver Form

The Humane Society of Dorchester County welcomes those who wish to volunteer with the Society's programs. Please read and fill out the application form and the volunteer profile and either drop off or mail to:

Humane Society of Dorchester County

P.O. Box 132

Cambridge, Maryland 21613

For more information, please call: 410-228-3090.

The volunteer coordinator will notify you after your application has been received and reviewed. You will be required to attend the volunteer orientation which gives an overview of the Societies philosophy, the work and services related to the Society and the activities involving the volunteer.

Thank you for your interests in the HSDC. We look forward to working with you.

Volunteer Profile

Name: _____

Are you over 16 years of age:

Home Address:

City, State, Zip:

Home Telephone: _____

Daytime Phone:

Email Address (if any):

Occupation:

Do you have allergies or physical conditions which may affect your volunteer work?

If yes, please describe:

Emergency Information:

If an emergency, please notify:

Relationship: _____

Daytime Phone:

Address: _____

Evening Phone:

Are you a member of the Humane Society of Dorchester County?: _____

Have you ever adopted from us?: _____

How did you hear of the Society’s volunteer program?

Volunteers under 17 years of age need parental approval. Volunteer under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian AT ALL TIMES during volunteer hours. Volunteer hours for 12-17 year olds, Monday noon to 5 PM, Thursday 10 AM to 5 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 2 PM. Volunteer over 17 must work with the Volunteer Coordinator for 4 hours prior to working alone and must have hours approved by the Shelter Director.

Please check the activities which you believe could best use your skill:

Cat Socializing _____

Dog Walking _____

Dog Bathing _____

Foster Care _____

Humane Education _____

Fundraising _____

Office Help _____

Adoption Counseling _____

Kennel Maintenance _____

Shelter Maintenance (Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, Masonry, Fencing)_____

** Basic Dog Training _____

** Requirements needed to become a dog trainer at HSDC:

- 17 years of age or older
- Experience in basic dog raining
- Available to train the designated dog at least 2 times per week

Availability:

When are you available for volunteer work – Please check the days/times that are good for you:

Morning: _____ Mon. _____ Tues. _____ Wed. _____ Thurs. _____ Fri. _____ Sat. _____ Sun.

Afternoon: _____ Mon. _____ Tues. _____ Wed. _____ Thurs. _____ Fri. _____ Sat. _____ Sun.

What are your thoughts about spaying and neutering?

What are your thoughts about euthanasia?

Humane Society of Dorchester County Agreement Form

As a volunteer with the Humane Society of Dorchester County, you will be required to abide by the terms of a volunteer agreement. The agreement below details what the HSDC will expect of you and what you expect from the HSDC.

If accepted as an HSDC volunteer, my signature below indicates that I have read, understand and agree to the following:

I will abide by all HSDC policies and procedures.

I agree to be supervised by the volunteer coordinator or officer and will directly report to the volunteer coordinator or officer on duty with any problems that may arise.

ü If I fail to abide by the terms of this agreement or am otherwise unable to meet the program requirements, I will be terminated from the program.

ü I, the undersigned understand that an animal shelter, by nature presents many risks and that animals under stress may bite or scratch. With full appreciation of the risks, I agree to indemnify and forever hold harmless the Humane Society of Dorchester County, Inc., its Directors, Officers, Employees and Volunteers from and against any and all liability whatsoever arising out of or related to my duties as a volunteer or to my presence on the premises under this agreement. This indemnity includes any liability arising from any negligent act or omission by the Humane Society aforesaid, its Directors, Officers, Employees, or Volunteers.

Rules and Regulations at the Humane Society of Dorchester County

- ✓ Check with the Staff which animals are able to go out – some animals may be ill or on medication
- ✓ Only treats can be given to the animals – the diet of the animals at the Society is monitored by the staff
- ✓ Do not rearrange anything – put back any leashes or collars after use
- ✓ Do not enter the laboratory – need permission from the Staff if you need to enter the lab at any time.
- ✓ Do not go through file cabinets – you can only go through those for adoption and membership application forms
- ✓ Do not give baths to any animals before the Kennel Attendants are finished cleaning
- ✓ If you are 16 years and under, you must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times

Please remember that YOUR safety comes first:

- If an animal is reluctant to come out of its kennel, do NOT force him/her. Many of these animals may have been abused or have had no human contact. To defend itself, it may attack you.
- If you do not feel comfortable handling certain animal/s, then do not handle it/them.

I understand that I may at any time, with or without cause, be removed from my position as a volunteer at the sole discretion of the HSDC.

Signature: _____

Date:

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date:

Parental / Guardian signature is required for all volunteers 17 years or younger.