

# Volunteer Application



## Contact Information (Please Print Clearly)

Name		Date
Mailing Address		
City ST ZIP Code		
Home Phone		
Cell Phone		
Under 18? Please give us your age.		
E-Mail Address		

## Availability

During which hours are you available to volunteer?

Weekday mornings       Weekend mornings  
 Weekday afternoons       Weekend afternoons

## Interests

Tell us in which areas you are interested in volunteering.

### Animals

**Dogs:**  Dog Walking     Yard Play     Kennel Care     Grooming

**Cats:**  Socialization     Cat Bungalow Cleaning

### Other

Administration     Can Recycling     Maintenance     Vet Assistant     Offsite Adoptions

### Off-Site Opportunities

Thrift Store     Education     Events

## Special Skills or Qualifications

Summarize special skills and qualifications you have with animals that might be helpful to HSCAZ.

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## Previous Volunteer or Professional Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience or professional experience that may benefit HSCAZ.

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## Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

## Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

Name (print)	
Signature	

# Liability Release Form

## HUMANE SOCIETY of CENTRAL ARIZONA

### Volunteer Consent and Liability Release

#### **General Consent**

I will hold the Humane Society of Central Arizona, (HSCAZ) its board, officers, and employees harmless from any and all injuries, accidents, or losses that may befall me whether from natural or man-made causes, foreseeable or unforeseeable, expected or unexpected.

I assume full responsibility for my own safety, health, and well-being during my time volunteering at the shelter for the HSCAZ.

In the event of an accident or costs, expenses, or any damages whatsoever, I shall not seek compensation in any way or seek any legal redress claim or action, causes of action or costs from the HSCAZ, its board, officers, and/or employees or individually or be entitled to any attorney's fees that may accrue from any claim arising out of any accident from this date forward.

#### **Volunteer Participation**

I acknowledge that I am freely volunteering at and for the Humane Society of Central Arizona.

#### **Assumption of Risk**

I am aware that as a volunteer I may be working with or exposed to animals, which may be a hazardous activity. I am voluntarily participating in this activity with knowledge of the danger involved and hereby agree to accept any and all risks of injury or damages associated therewith including, but not limited to:

- Bites or scratches from animals
- Being knocked down or pulled excessively by an animal
- Flea/tick bites, ring worm infestation, internal or external parasites, Zoonotic illnesses (human illness contracted from animals)
- Exposure to animal illness for pets at home

#### **Knowing and Voluntary Implementation**

I have carefully read this consent and release and fully understand its contents. I am aware this is a Release of Liability and a contract signed of my own free will.

#### **Background Check**

I am aware that as a volunteer I acknowledge that I have not been convicted of a felony and agree to a background check.

Volunteer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Photo Release



I, the undersigned, do hereby consent and agree that HSCAZ, its employees, or agents have the right to take photographs, videotape, or digital recordings of me beginning on \_\_\_\_\_, and to use these in any and all media, now or hereafter known, and exclusively for promotional and training purposes. I further consent that my name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Commitment

## Humane Society of Central Arizona Standards of Behavior for Volunteers

The Humane Society of Central Arizona (HSCAZ) shelter is a safe haven for all animals in need and functions as the nucleus for the community's animal care and control program. It teaches humane principles in the community and protects animals from cruelty and suffering. The staff and volunteers must provide quality care for all animals in its charge, making every effort to provide a safe, comfortable and healthy environment.

### *At The Shelter*

Shelter staff and volunteers **must** maintain a positive attitude and an inviting atmosphere to encourage the public to bring in stray and unwanted animals. If there are too many obstacles to surrendering animals, people are more likely to abandon them.

Shelter staff and volunteers **must** provide the most comfortable, stress-free environment possible for the animals in their care. If there is negative energy in your words or actions, the animals will sense this. It is very important to maintain a positive work environment for the health of the animals.

### *The Public*

HSCAZ interacts with the public daily. This interaction might be at the shelter or at a fair or at a meeting or in random encounters. The HSCAZ volunteers are the face and voice of our organization. Our volunteers must believe in HSCAZ core values of respect, compassion and kindness. These core values need to be shared when dealing with the public. Our community is a staunch supporter of our shelter. It is extremely important that all volunteers act only in a professional, courteous and positive way to the public. Positive, upbeat interaction with the public creates confidence in our efforts at the shelter. Negative comments and gossip creates suspicion and uneasiness and can be very harmful to our efforts at the shelter.

## *Concerns and Ideas*

Volunteers are a wonderful resource for new ideas in how to improve the operation of HSCAZ. HSCAZ welcomes your ideas and concerns. Please contact the Executive Directors through the shelter office or email. We are happy to meet with you, talk to you over the phone, or exchange emails concerns and ideas.

Discussion of concerns and ideas when with the public is inappropriate. The passerby can over hear what they believe fact and that can start rumors that cause the public to be upset and consequently harm efforts at the shelter.

It is critical to the success of the shelter and the welfare of the animals in our care that these Standards of Behavior are followed.

## **Volunteer Agreement and Acceptance**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to conduct myself in accordance with the HCSAZ Standards of Behavior and I further understand that failure to conduct myself in accordance with the HCSAZ Standards of Behavior will result in termination of my volunteer status.

Date \_\_\_\_\_