



Greater Hillsdale Humane Society

Volunteer Program Application

Name _____ Date: _____
Address _____ Apt.: _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Email address _____
Phone # _____ Alternate # _____

Volunteer Responsibilities

Volunteering at GHHS is a very rewarding experience! There are many roles you can play to aid our mission. As an independent nonprofit organization, committed to finding permanent homes for the animals in our care and preventing cruelty to animals, we need the help of volunteers to get our work done.

Volunteers representing GHHS: their conduct and interaction with staff, other volunteers and the public is expected to always be professional and courteous. Volunteers make a commitment to the staff and animals to carry the tasks they have pledged to perform to the best of their abilities.

The Volunteer Code of Ethics clarifies the expectations and principles for GHHS volunteers. Should a volunteer display unprofessional, dishonest or disrespectful behavior, or exhibit a lack of self-discipline, the volunteer will be asked to leave the premises. Such behavior could be grounds for termination of volunteer status with GHHS, in accordance to our dismissal policy. Volunteers ages 8-15 years old must volunteer with a parent or guardian. Any volunteer ages 16-18 must have parental consent.

Volunteer Code of Ethics

As a Greater Hillsdale Humane Society volunteer, you pledge to:

- **Respect**
 - Respect others even though you may not agree with them
 - Display courtesy, sensitivity consideration and compassion for both people and animals
 - Use good judgement in recognizing your scope of authority as well as the authority of GHHS staff.
- **Safety**
 - Keep safety at the forefront of all volunteer activities
 - Follow the rules presented to you by GHHS staff
 - Respect and use equipment and supplies as they are intended to be used
 - Report all injuries *immediately* to the GHHS director or staff member
- **Quality**
 - Perform all tasks to the best of your ability
 - Ask for help when needed
 - Recognize training is essential to maintain safe shelter practices
 - Implement excellent customer service practices to volunteers, staff, customers and animals
- **Commitment**
 - Respect that people and animals count on you to honor your commitments
 - Work together with GHHS staff and other volunteers to meet GHHS goals

Signature: _____ Date: _____