

This release and waiver of Liability (the "Release") is executed by me on the day set forth below in favor of each of Houston County Humane Society. By signing below, I give my consent without reservation to the following terms:

- 1) Volunteer status. I freely and voluntarily desire to participate as a volunteer for the shelter, and I understand that all services performed by me will be done so on a strictly voluntary basis and without compensation or benefits of any kind.
- 2) Guidelines. I understand that I must comply with all the rules, agreements and protocols established by the shelter (which may change from time to time) and that my volunteer privileges may be revoked or suspended by the shelter, in its sole and absolute discretions and at any time (for example, for noncompliance or other safety or disruption issues).
- 3) Assumption of Risk. I understand that my volunteer work may include activities that may be hazardous, including, for example, contact with animals who even under the best of circumstances may bite or scratch or transmit diseases, and contact with clients, or other volunteers and the general public. I understand and acknowledge that my volunteering is not without risk of serious injury, illness, death or property damage, and I expressly and fully assume any and all risks in connection therewith.
- 4) Medical treatment. I understand that *I am solely financially responsible* for and first aid, medical treatment or care for any injury or illness resulting from my volunteering activities. I have been encouraged to obtain my own insurance coverage and consult with a medical professional to address and concerns prior to my volunteering, including, for example, any recommended vaccinations before handling animals.
- 5) Waiver and Release. In consideration of my participation as a volunteer for the Shelter, and good and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I (together with my spouse, heirs, successors, representatives and assigns) agree to assume and forever release, waive, discharge indemnity and hold harmless the Humane Society of Houston County, including each of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, successors, and assigns (collectively, the "Released Parties"), for any and all claims, demands and damages of every kind and nature whatsoever, which I may have or which may hereafter accrue to me, against and of the Released Parties on account of any property damage, death, personal injury or illness, and the treatment thereof, including those caused by negligence or carelessness attributable to the Released Parties, whether known or unknown, foreseeable or unforeseeable, relating to my participation as a volunteer for the Shelter.
- 6) Media Release. I grant to the Shelter and its sponsors and agents permission to use my name, likeness and statements in any and all photographs, audio or video recordings, or other media made during my volunteer activities, which shall be the sole property of the Shelter and may be used without payment or notification.
- 7) Confidential Information. I agree to hold all Confidential Information in strict confidence and to take all actions reasonably necessary to protect its confidentiality. "Confidential Information" means any information that a person exercising reasonable business judgment would understand to be confidential or proprietary that is disclosed to me or to which I have access in connection with my volunteer activities.
- 8) Other. I agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Georgia and that it governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. The above terms and conditions constitute the entire agreement between

me and the Shelter, which will remain in full force and effect until expressly revoked or terminated in writing by the Humane Society of Houston County on such party's own behalf.

Date: _____

Volunteer or Guardian of Volunteer Name

(Print Clearly): _____

Volunteer or guardian of volunteer Signature:
