



Volunteer Waiver, Acknowledgement of Risk, and Release of Liability

Volunteer name: _____ Cell phone: _____

I, the above-named volunteer, enter into this Volunteer Waiver, Acknowledgement of Risk, and Release of Liability (hereafter, "Waiver") with the City of Columbia Animal Services (hereinafter, "CAS") to permit me to provide volunteer services. This Waiver is for the benefit of all parties, particularly the City of Columbia, CAS and its staff members, affiliates, employees, officers, directors, and representatives (known individually as an "indemnitee" and collectively as "indemnitees").

By entering into this Waiver, I acknowledge that working with shelter animals is hazardous and involves contact with animals that are unpredictable. I further acknowledge that volunteering can involve contact with other volunteers, the general public, and employees of and animals at other entities (e.g., veterinarian offices, animal transport organizations). I acknowledge that there are risks of physical or psychological injury, damage to personal property, and economic loss, which can include, but are not limited to, the following:

Physical injury from animals, property damage from animals, physical/property damage from hazards in the shelter environment, zoonotic disease exposure, offsite disease transfer, general injury/damage, exposure to other humans

I am willfully participating in volunteer activities with CAS and am participating entirely at my own risk. I am aware of the risks associated with these activities and have made the conscious decision to assume all related risks, both known and unknown to me, of my participation in these activities. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless each indemnitee against any and all claims, suits, or actions of any kind whatsoever for liability, damages, compensation, or otherwise brought by me or anyone on my behalf, including attorney's fees and any related costs of litigation if the same arises pursuant to any claims made by me or anyone else acting on my behalf.

I acknowledge that I have carefully read this document prior to signing and that I had an opportunity to have it reviewed by an attorney of my choice. I further agree that jurisdiction and venue shall be proper only in Richland County, South Carolina for any dispute arising from the activities described herein or from this agreement, and that South Carolina law shall apply. If any provision of this Waiver is found to be unenforceable in any way, it shall be enforced to the maximum extent possible and all other provisions of this Waiver shall remain in full force and effect.

I represent and warrant that I am physically and mentally fit to safely work with animals and public at the shelter. I represent and warrant that I have the authority to enter into this agreement, whether on my own behalf or for my child(ren) or ward. **I agree to follow all rules, signage, and directions given by CAS.**

Volunteer
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian (if volunteer is under 18)
Parent/Guardian
Name (print): _____ Relationship: _____

Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____ Date: _____