



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION



Mission Statement

To Passionately Care for Animals and Compassionately Serve the Community

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY; PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact Number</u>
<u>Address - # and Street</u>	<u>City and State</u>	<u>Zipcode</u>
<u>Email address</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	
<u>Emergency contact</u>	<u>Emergency contact #</u>	

YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD TO VOLUNTEER AT GUILFORD COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

I understand that:

- Guilford County Animal Shelter **does not offer court-ordered, lawyer-suggested OR university-assigned (for disciplinary infractions) community service.**
- Children under 18 years of age, friends OR family members cannot accompany a volunteer on their volunteer shift.
- I must adhere to the requirements of the Guilford County Animal Shelter Volunteer Dress Code (Page 2), I must wear my volunteer badge at all times and will be responsible for purchasing a new one if it becomes lost.
- I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of being a Guilford County Animal Services volunteer. I understand that failure to comply with the rules and regulations may result in revocation of my volunteer status and privileges.
- If, at any time, my contact information changes, I will notify Guilford County Animal Services.

I further understand that by signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand all the above statements.

SIGNATURE OF VOLUNTEER	DATE:	
Date entered in computer:		

THE GUILFORD COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER VOLUNTEER DRESS CODE

In order to volunteer at the Guilford County Animal Shelter, we ask that all volunteers follow the dress code. If you are not in proper dress according to the dress code when you arrive for your shift you will be asked to leave and put on proper attire.

Dress code requirements are **FOR YOUR SAFETY**.

Proper dress code requires the t-shirts that have the approved color and logo on the shirt. Each volunteer is given two (2) FREE t-shirts.

If we do not have your t-shirt size then you may wear a different t-shirt until the approved shirt is available. Alternate shirts may not carry offensive logos, phrases or sayings on the shirt. No tank tops or sleeveless shirts allowed. No dresses, skirts, skorts, or shorts are allowed; all pants must be full length to the ankles or capris with a length past the knees.

All volunteers must wear closed-toe shoes with backs. No slip-ons or flip flops.

Do not wear long or dangling necklaces or earrings that an animal may jump up and grab, get tangled in, or pull off.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

I agree and understand that if I do not adhere to the dress code that I will be asked to leave, and may return when I am in the proper dress as required by the dress code.

I am interested in:

- _____ Socializing/interacting with the dogs. This includes spending time in their kennel with them, i.e., read a book/magazine, talk to them, etc. This helps to make their kennel a happy place for the dog. Walking the dogs around the grounds – INSIDE the fence by the Shelter building; playing with them in an outside enclosure.
- _____ Socializing/interacting with the cats. Volunteers **MUST** use hand sanitizer after handling each cat **AND** use only one brush per cat, when grooming them. If unoccupied, cats may also be taken across the hall (**ONE AT A TIME**) to the Cat Colony room.
- _____ Lobby greeters to direct incoming customers, help them fill out the proper form for their visit, answer questions.
- _____ Photography
- _____ Special adoption events, as scheduled; volunteers are always needed to help with adoption fairs – transporting animals and equipment to/from the event; being an ambassador for GCAS (explaining how the Shelter works, hours of operation, ways to help (volunteer!), donate supplies or money; walk the dogs around the event so many people can meet them, handing out brochures & flyers. Adoption events usually last about five (5) hours, start to finish (which includes set up and breakdown, on weekends).
- _____ Community events such as visiting nursing homes/rehabilitation facilities and/or retirement communities with Shelter pets. This brightens the residents' day and is a very good experience that helps socialize the animals (which are always pre-screened for behavior prior to leaving the premises).

_____ Dogs Day Out: this program is available to volunteers who have completed twenty (20) hours of volunteer service (which includes the three hours of “In Training” time). There is a contract to sign, with all the stipulations outlined to participate. Once the volunteer signs the contract they may take a dog from the shelter, and off shelter grounds, during specified days & times, anywhere dogs are allowed in public.



GUILFORD COUNTY VOLUNTEER LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

In consideration of my desire to serve as a volunteer for Guilford County, I hereby assume all responsibility for any and all risk of property damage or bodily injury that I may sustain while participating as a volunteer, including the use of equipment and facilities of Guilford County.

I hereby release Guilford County to the fullest extent permitted by law. I, the volunteer, agree to defend (including attorney's fees), pay on behalf of, indemnify, and hold harmless Guilford County, its elected and appointed officials, employees, volunteers, and others working on behalf of Guilford County against any and all claims, demands, suits or loss, including all costs connecting therewith, and for any damages which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against or from Guilford County, its elected and appointed officials, employees, volunteers or others working on behalf of Guilford County, by reason of personal injury, including bodily injury or death and/or property damage, including loss of use thereof, which arises out of or in any way connected or associated with this contract.

I currently have no known mental or physical condition that would impair my capability for full participation as intended or expected.

Further, I have carefully read the foregoing release and indemnification, and understand the contents thereof and sign this release as my own, free act.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____



4525 W. Wendover Ave.

Greensboro, NC 27409

Animal Shelter: 336.641.3400

Animal Control: 336.641.5990

Fax: 336.641.3416

[http:// www.guilfordcountync.gov/our-county/animal-services/animal-shelter](http://www.guilfordcountync.gov/our-county/animal-services/animal-shelter)

Volunteer Agreement

Guilford County Animal Services (hereby referred to as GCAS) recognizes the critical role of its volunteers and is extremely grateful for their dedication, time, and talent. As a volunteer with GCAS, your conduct and interaction with the public, staff, and other volunteers is expected to be professional and courteous at all times. You are an ambassador for GCAS and the animals that are in the custody of the Guilford County Animal Shelter. You make a commitment to the staff and the animals to carry out your role as a volunteer to the best of your abilities.

This volunteer code of ethics clarifies the expectations for volunteers at GCAS. As a GCAS volunteer, I pledge to:

-Bring my best skills and abilities to my volunteer work.

-Exercise caution and common sense when dealing with shelter animals. I will put safety first for members of the public, volunteers, staff, and for the animals.

-Treat other volunteers, staff, and those I serve, including the animals and members of the public using the shelter's services, with integrity, respect, and compassion.

-Support the mission, goals and efforts of GCAS with a positive attitude.

-Approach my volunteer responsibilities with professionalism and dignity. I understand that use of vulgar or inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

-Promote goodwill by handling interactions with staff, other volunteers, and visitors in a spirit of courtesy and cooperation.

-Remember that as a volunteer, I am an advocate for animals and GCAS in the community.

-Honor my commitments, as people and animals are counting on me.

-Maintain confidentiality of all information, either written or verbal (pertaining to animals or people) that I may receive while at GCAS. I agree not to request contact information from members of the public I encounter in the course of volunteering at GCAS.

-Observe all safety and security rules in the performance of my volunteer job duties.

-Report all problems concerning animals, visitors, or the environment immediately.

-Become familiar with and abide by all policies in the volunteer handbook and any postings or handouts that are provided by GCAS.

