



# Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley – Volunteer Program

Thank you for your interest in the ASSV! All potential volunteers must submit a completed application and adhere to our guidelines. Questions: 518-294-8390 or [assv@midtel.net](mailto:assv@midtel.net)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell or Home Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

All volunteers under 18 years of age must have a parent co-sign the Volunteer Waiver of Liability attached that is attached to the volunteer application. If you are 16+ years you may volunteer without an adult present. If you are 15 years old or younger, you MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest level of education: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a student volunteer? YES / NO

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Receiving academic credit for your volunteer work? YES / NO

Have you been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony? YES / NO if so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

(Answering "yes" will NOT automatically disqualify you from volunteering with our organization)

Have you volunteered with ASSV in the past? YES / NO If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any conditions or allergies that may affect your ability to perform certain tasks? YES / NO \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about volunteer opportunities at ASSV? \_\_\_\_\_

SCHEDULING & AVAILABILITY- Please circle the days & times of the week you are available to volunteer. Some ASSV volunteer positions require a minimum six-month time commitment. Are you able to commit to at least six months? YES / NO

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
AM PM	AM PM	AM PM	AM PM	AM PM	AM PM	AM PM

Depending on your position shifts are usually scheduled between 1-4 hours, however this commitment can be flexible. Would you be willing to commit to a regular schedule, if needed? YES / NO

**INTERESTS: Please check the volunteer opportunities you are interested in.** Feel free to make addition comments on the back.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cleaning/Kennel Assistance:** washing and drying litter pans, food dishes, and laundry. Cleaning cat, dog or small critter kennels. Do expect a small amount of animal handling, this position does require a fair amount of hard work & you may get dirty; however, this position is most important to the care and well-being of the animals at the shelter. \*\*A regular time commitment is generally required.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Dog Walking:** Walk dogs around the walking trails and spend time supervising and playing with dogs out in one of the large play yards. Once trained for dog walking, dog walkers can also take dogs off shelter grounds for “doggie field trips”  
\*Important\* Dog Walkers must attend an additional training session prior to working with the dogs.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cat Cuddling/Socialization:** Spend time socializing with cats and kittens in the Shelter. Play with cats, brush them, and record information about their traits, demeanor & activity levels. Help potential adopters become acquainted with adoptable felines. Some additional training is required.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Transportation:** Transport crated animals to & from vet clinics & other various destinations. At times we also are in need of transporting items such as donations, event supplies, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Foster Homes:** Providing care to animals in your own home, usually moms with kittens, un-weaned kittens and other animals with special needs. We provide the supplies; you provide the loving home. Separate application and waiver are required to foster & must be completed. Must meet specific requirements & some training may be required.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Landscaping, Maintenance or Beautification:** Various grounds keeping & general building maintenance or beautification.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Community Outreach/Education:** Visit businesses, schools & other places in the area and give educational presentations about ASSV or pet safety, bite prevention, etc. The ASSV has materials and information for your use. Some training is required.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Friends of ASSV/Fundraising:** Create, organize and facilitate your own small fundraising events. There are endless possibilities such as: bake sales, donation drives, car washes, cookout, spay-ghetti dinner, or any other ideas you can think up! Creativity is encouraged!

\_\_\_\_\_ **Events:** Help raise awareness and funds at special events. Put up signs and posters, set-up/take down at events, staff tables, solicit silent auction items, and other tasks involved in a specific event Such as baking for bake-sales and food prep & staffing for April’s big auction.

**Do you have any special skills that we should know about (i.e., professional groomer, pet photographer or trainer, computer skills, etc.)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT & WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

In consideration of the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley accepting my application for participation in the Volunteer Program, I agree to release and hold harmless the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley, its Directors, Officers, Agents, and Employees from and against any and all loss, damage, claims, liability, costs and expenses of any nature whatsoever, including without limitations, attorney’s fees and disbursements, arising from or occasioned by my participation in the ASSV Volunteer Program.

I understand there are certain risks of personal injury, death, disease and property damage in handling the animals and other volunteer activities on behalf of the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley, and I accept those risks.

I agree that the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley may photograph my participation in the program and I hereby release any such photographs to ASSV for use in its programs, publications, and purposes.

I agree that my status as partially approved does not mean I am approved to volunteer at ASSV. I understand that I am fully approved to volunteer at ASSV once a background check has been approved and the required orientation has been completed. I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions of the Volunteer Agreement and Waiver of Liability and I willingly comply with all its conditions.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSV Representative** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

