

Junior Volunteers Registration Consent Form

Please read the following information carefully.

- Participants will come into contact with soy, dairy, nut and wheat products.
- All participants are required to wear closed toed shoes for their safety. Participants who arrive with open toed shoes will not be allowed to participate.
- All Humane Society of Huron Valley participants will interact with animals. Animals may include (but are not limited to) dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, cows, horses, goats, ducks, lizards, ferrets. HSHV cannot discriminate which animals participants interact with during the program. Requests for participants to not engage with certain animals cannot be honored.
- Participants should not arrive more than 10 minutes prior to their scheduled start time. All participants who do not drive themselves are to be picked up promptly at the conclusion of their program. HSHV does not have the staff to supervise participants after session hours. In case of late pickup, emergency contacts will immediately be contacted. Participants will not be released to any person who is not listed under the emergency contacts. Proper picture ID will be required for anyone picking up a participant.
- Participants who are seeking to obtain hours of community service will be responsible for obtaining the required form and bringing them to the sessions. Forms will be signed with documented hours upon the completion of all six sessions. Court ordered community service needs to be disclosed and discussed with our Director of Humane Education prior to registration. Not all court ordered offenses will be accepted in our Junior Volunteers program. Refund policies do apply for those that register without discussing the above information with our Director of Humane Education.
- Participants who bring cell phones with them to the Humane Society of Huron Valley should expect to use their phones only to contact parents in case of an emergency. Calling or texting during activities will not be permitted. Participants who are unable to abide by this policy will be dismissed from the program.
- Individual make up sessions are not available for any reason. If a participant misses a session, he/she will need to make it up with the next group of Junior Volunteers. This will delay the completion of the program. Sometimes this may mean waiting two or more months to complete the program. Please be sure you can attend all six sessions before registering. Junior Volunteers will not be permitted to volunteer at HSHV until all six sessions have been completed.

-Registration fees are non-refundable. Partial refunds are not available if a participant leaves the program early or misses a session. If a session is cancelled by HSHV, refunds will be issued in the full amount.

-Participants are not required to have a parent present.

- All Humane Society of Huron Valley J.V. Club participants are expected to display safe, respectful and appropriate behavior at all times towards staff, volunteers, guests, other participants and animals. Behavior guidelines and expectations will be reviewed with participants on the first day of the J.V. Club. If a participant is consistently unable to abide by these expectations and guidelines, he/she may be dismissed from the J.V. Club for the day or for the remainder of the session. HSHV reserves the right to deny participation to any participant who exhibits unsafe behavior with staff, participants or animals at any time. **Refunds are not available if a participant is dismissed from the program.**

-All participants must have a parent or guardian sign the “Minor Waiver” form in order to participate. This form will be mailed to all participants 7-10 days before the start of the first session. If you do not receive this within 3 days of your start date, please contact our Director of Humane Education. Any participant who does not have a signed waiver at the start of the first session will not be able to participate in the program.

-After completion of the Junior Volunteer program, youth will be able to volunteer at the shelter independently. We are hoping that each Junior Volunteer will spend at least 6 or more hours per month doing service at HSHV. If a Junior Volunteer does not volunteer for 90 days or more, their account will become inactive. Once a Junior Volunteer’s account is inactive, youth will be required to participate in some or all of the next Junior Volunteer classes. If a participant does not volunteer for 6 months or more, he/she will be required to register, pay for and attend the Junior Volunteer program before being able to volunteer at the shelter. No exceptions to this rule will be made.