

Third-Party Event Request for Animal Appearances

We receive a great number of requests for shelter animals to be brought to Third-Party Events. In order for us to accommodate such requests, there must be a fundraising component to the event. We require a minimum donation of \$500.

Why do we require this minimum donation?

(1) Our foremost priority is finding homes for our adoptable pets. We have a large shelter that is well-known in the community. Over the years, we have found that bringing animals to events does not result in adoptions. In fact, taking animals out of the shelter during hours that we are open to the public means those animals won't be available to meet people who have come to our facility specifically looking to adopt.

(2) There are expenses associated with bringing pets to public events, such as staff time and transportation.

(3) Because our animal population is constantly turning over, we cannot guarantee that animals well-suited for your event will be in our possession on the date of your event. (For example, not all dogs enjoy being surrounded by lots of people, some are uncomfortable with loud noises, some are afraid of children, etc.)

If you are able and willing to commit to the minimum \$500 donation, you may make a request for animals. If you decide to do so, keep in mind the following:

(1) We can never provide a 100% guarantee that suitable animals will be available for your event.

(2) Animals eligible to appear at events have been temperament tested and are current on vaccines.

(3) We select animals for events based on (1) the availability of animals that are well-suited for the type of event and (2) the availability of volunteers/staff who are specifically trained to safely handle shelter pets at events.

(4) We cannot guarantee puppies, kittens, or any particular breed or type of animal, nor can we guarantee a specific number of animals.

(5) CCHS animal handlers will remove animals from the event if they perceive the animals are experiencing stress of any kind or "need a break" for any reason.

(6) Before agreeing to bring animals to your event, we will consider:

- The location of the event and the type of environment;
- The reason animals are being requested;
- Weather (if the event is outdoors);
- The length of time the animals will be present;

- The crowd size and/or the number of people that will be interacting with the animals; and
- Any other factors that may cause physical or psychological stress to the animals.

(6) Event Organizers will take all responsibility for damage to property caused by animals at the event as well as obtaining any necessary permissions from event participants, parents of minors, or property owners.

I have read and understand the foregoing stipulations and would like to add a Request for Animals to my Third-Party Event Application. I hereby pledge a minimum \$500 donation to the Champaign County Humane Society.

Signature

Date

To make your request, please sign and submit this document along with your Third-Party Event Application to Elizabeth Young, Events Coordinator, at elizabeth@cuhumane.org

