



Anderson Humane Society
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Volunteer Profile

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Age, if under 16: _____ Birthdate (month, date, and year): _____

Email (if checked regularly): _____

How do you prefer to be contacted? Email Home phone Cell/Work phone

Other (please specify) _____

Person to call in case of emergency: _____

Please indicate the days you are available by putting approximate time in the blanks:

Monday _____ Friday _____

Tuesday _____ Saturday _____

Wednesday _____ Sunday _____

Thursday _____

Volunteer Interest Checklist

There are many ways to help at the Anderson Humane Society! Please check the activities that most interest you.

Offsite Adoption Program

Fund Raising

- Fundraising Events
- Information Booths
- School Programs

Shelter Help

- Kennel and Cattery Cleaning
- Socializing Animals
- Adoption Followup
- Miscellaneous

Foster Care

- Puppies
- Kittens
- Older Dogs
- Older Cats
- Orphans

Property Maintenance

- Grounds
- Building
- Vehicle

Other (please describe): _____

Disclosure of Risk and Agreement to Hold Anderson Humane Society and the County of Anderson Free and Harmless from Claims

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she understands that animals are unpredictable in their behavior and can bite, scratch or otherwise injure persons and destroy or damage property. The Anderson Humane Society makes no warranty as to the behavior of any animal on shelter property or at shelter events and this is one of the conditions accepted by the volunteer.

Furthermore, the undersigned, in consideration of being permitted to participate as a volunteer, does hereby agree to hold Anderson Humane Society, its agents and employees free and harmless from claims of any person, including but not limited to the undersigned, for personal injury or property damage caused by the animal on shelter property or at shelter events.

I understand that because I will be in contact with animals, it is important to discuss being vaccinated against tetanus with my physician. I should also discuss rabies and possible allergic reactions with my physician. I release Anderson Humane Society from all responsibility for any situation that may occur because I did not pursue this matter further, and I understand that whatever decision I make is at my own risk.

I acknowledge and understand that as an Anderson Humane Society volunteer, I am not covered by the county's and/or Anderson Humane Society's workers compensation insurance or any other insurance policy for damages or injuries sustained during volunteer activities.

I have read the foregoing as well as the county of Anderson's/Anderson Humane Society's Policies and Procedures, and understand and agree to same.

Volunteer Signature

Date

Guardian Signature (for volunteers under 16 years of age)

Date

Anderson Humane Society witness

Date

What is tetanus?

Tetanus, commonly called lockjaw, is a bacterial disease that affects the nervous system. It is contracted through a cut or wound that becomes contaminated with tetanus bacteria. The bacteria can get in through even a tiny pinprick or scratch, but deep puncture wounds or cuts like those made by nails or knives are especially susceptible to infection with tetanus. Tetanus bacteria are present worldwide and are commonly found in soil, dust and manure. Infection with tetanus causes severe muscle spasms, leading to "locking" of the jaw so the patient cannot open his/her mouth or swallow, and may even lead to death by suffocation. Tetanus is not transmitted from person to person.

Prevention

Vaccination is the best way to protect against tetanus. Due to widespread immunization, tetanus is now a rare disease in the U.S. A combination shot, called the Td vaccine, protects against both tetanus and diphtheria. A Td booster shot is recommended every 10 years. Adults who have never received immunization against tetanus should start with a 3-dose primary series given over 7-12 months.

Symptoms

Common first signs of tetanus are a headache and muscular stiffness in the jaw (lockjaw) followed by stiffness of the neck, difficulty in swallowing, rigidity of abdominal muscles, spasms, sweating and fever. Symptoms usually begin 8 days after the infection, but may range in onset from 3 days to 3 weeks.

Who should get Td vaccine?

- All adults who have not had a Td booster shot in the last 10 years.
- Adults who have recovered from tetanus (lockjaw) disease.
- Adults who have never received immunization against tetanus.
- All adolescents and adults who deferred their regular booster during 2001-2002 because of shortages of the vaccine -- the supply problems have been resolved.