



# Hikes with Hounds

## Volunteer Registration Form & Waiver

### Volunteer Information

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (must be over 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed Volunteer Orientation Training? Yes No If, so when: \_\_\_\_\_

### Volunteer Procedures for Hikes

For the safety of volunteers, staff and dogs, be advised of the following rules and procedures:

1. Wear clothing appropriate for hiking that you don't mind getting dirty. No tank tops or anything too short, revealing, offensive, etc. Do not wear facial piercing and keep jewelry to a minimum. This is for your protection.
2. Wear closed-toes shoes only. Absolutely no flip-flops or sandals of any kind.
3. Keep space, LOTS of space, between the dogs. Pay attention to what you are doing and what is going on around you. Avoid creating conflicts between dogs. This includes during loading/unloading of dogs at trail heads, as well as on the trail.
4. Keep hold of the leash and have it looped over your wrist at all times. Most of the dogs have not had any kind of leash or obedience training and can pull hard and be a handful.
5. Stay on the trail and stay within sight of a staff member.
6. Pull your dog off the trail when encountering other hikers and their dogs. Avoid any possible confrontations between dogs.
7. If going up or down steps on the trail, non-dog walkers should assist dog walkers to keep the dogs from pulling volunteers up or down the steps.
8. Share the dogs. There will always be more volunteers than dogs, be sure to trade off so all volunteers have ample time to walk a dog.
9. Clean up after your dog! Bags are provided.
10. Do not bring your personal dog, friends or children.
11. If you have any questions or need help during a hike, please ask a staff member.

*I have read the above Volunteer Procedures for Hikes and agree to abide by these rules and procedures.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Waiver & Release for Hikes with Hounds Program

I understand and acknowledge that the handling of animals and other volunteer activities on behalf of the City of Burlington, Burlington Animal Services and the City of Graham may place me in a hazardous situation and could result in injury to me or my personal property.

I release the City of Burlington, the City of Graham and all of their employees and agents from liability of any nature, whether or not the basis of such liability is presently known to either party. It is understood by the parties to this agreement that I will not bring suit or any claims against the City of Burlington, the City of Graham, their employees, agents or volunteers.

This agreement shall be binding on all parties, their heirs, and assigns.

I hereby authorize the City of Burlington and the City of Graham to use any photographs of me in its possession for public relations purposes. Notification is not a condition to release photographs for public relations purposes.

In consideration of this opportunity to volunteer, I agree to be legally bound by the following terms and conditions:

As a volunteer with the City of Burlington and the City of Graham, acting in an official capacity, I shall not take any action that would result in the personal financial benefit or the benefit of my immediate family members. I will not ask for or receive for myself or for a member of my household, directly or indirectly, any monies or gifts from others in the community. Any potential conflict of interest I may have shall be disclosed.

All media inquiries are to be referred to the City of Burlington Public Information officer. These include inquiries pertaining to public complaints/incidents, as well as routine matters such as request for interviews, responses to press release information, or special events. If the Public Information Officer is not available, I shall refer the media to a City of Burlington staff member.

*I agree to complete volunteer training and comply with all program rules and procedures. I understand that failure to do so may result in my immediate termination as a volunteer.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### For Hikes with Hounds Staff

Date of Volunteer Orientation Training: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of photo ID on file: \_\_\_\_\_