athens area HUMANE SOCIETY

ATHENS AREA HUMANE SOCIETY EVENT GUIDELINES

Thank you for your interest in partnering with the Athens Area Humane Society! We love connecting with our community through adoption events, facility tours, donation drives, educational presentations, and other outreach opportunities. Because we receive a high volume of requests each year, we are unable to accommodate every event, but we will do our best to find opportunities to work together.

EVENTS WITHOUT ANIMALS

If you'd like to host a community engagement event without animals, please contact our Volunteer & Community Engagement Manager, Cade, at cade@athenshumanesociety.org. Her availability is Tuesday–Saturday, 9:00 AM–6:00 PM.

EVENTS WITH ANIMALS

EVENT FEES

As a nonprofit, we require an upfront donation to help cover animal care and staff labor.

- One litter of puppies (or kittens if the event is indoors): **$600 for a two-hour event ($300/hr)**
- Transportation fee: Events located more than 25 miles from our shelter will incur an additional transportation fee which will be determined based on your location.

This amount must be paid at least 24 hours before the event to confirm your booking. If payment is not received, the event will unfortunately be canceled.
Your donation can also be applied toward an event sponsorship upon request. If you're interested, let us know and we'll be happy to send you our sponsorship opportunities!

WHY IS A DONATION REQUIRED?

Offsite events require staff time, transportation, supplies, and animal care resources. Your donation helps offset these costs while supporting the animals in our care.

A $600 event donation can provide:

- Over *12,000 pounds of pet food* for our Full Bellies Food Bowl Program
- Vaccinations and alterations for *nine puppies*
- Over *600 cans* of wet food for cats
- Heartworm treatment for one small dog

SCHEDULING & AVAILABILITY

Events are available on weekdays (Monday–Friday) during our operating hours, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Weekends, especially Saturdays, are our busiest times at the shelter, with the highest public traffic and adoption interest, so off-site availability is limited due to staff capacity. To ensure we can accommodate your request, all events must be scheduled at least 10 days in advance.

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HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

To ensure a safe and smooth experience for both pets and people, please review the following:

- **No mixing litters** – If multiple litters are requested, we require separate playpens with adequate space between them.
- **Outdoor events** – If the event is off-site and outdoors, we require a designated area for our tent, playpens, and tabling materials. Puppies will remain in their playpens and adult dogs must be on a leash.
- **Indoor events** – Must have a closed-off space to keep the animals secure.
- **Weather restrictions** – Events must be indoors if temperatures are above 85°F or below 45°F. Severe thunderstorms will also require moving the event indoors. If an event must be canceled due to weather, we're happy to refund your donation if needed.
- **Food** – If your event will provide food to guests, please take precautions to protect the animals. Follow proper food safety practices and ensure that guests do not bring food items near the pets. Many human foods can be harmful to animals, so it's important to keep all food and drinks safely out of their reach.

ANIMAL AVAILABILITY & SELECTION

While we make every effort to honor event commitments, there's always a small chance we may need to cancel or adjust the event if:

- Puppies or kittens are adopted beforehand or not available (we rely on transfers from our animal control partners for our animals).
- An illness or unforeseen circumstance prevents an animal from participating

We love introducing our adoptable pets to the community, but not every animal is suited for every environment. Animals attending events are selected based on temperament, stress level, age, health, and overall suitability for the event. Final decisions are made by our animal care team to ensure the best experience for both the animals and attendees. We cannot guarantee the number of animals we will have for each event.

PUPPY YOGA INQUIRIES

Puppy yoga (or kitten yoga) follows the same guidelines as above!

- Hosting your yoga event will require a donation to cover the costs of animal care and staff labor. This cost is **$300 per one-hour class**.
- If the event is hosted at our facility, we can hold a maximum 30 folks per class.
- We can host the event in our on-site garage or travel to a partner yoga studio (we recommend Fuel Hot Yoga).
- For pet safety, we cannot participate in "hot yoga" during the summer at off-site studios.
- We do not provide yoga mats, blocks, or instructors.



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE REVIEWED THE FOLLOWING:

EVENTS WITH ANIMALS

EVENT FEES

Events with animals require an upfront donation to help cover animal care, staffing, transportation, and supplies.

- Litter of puppies (or kittens if indoors): **$600 for a two-hour event ($300/hour)**
- Events located more than 25 miles from our shelter may incur an additional transportation fee.

This amount must be paid at least 24 hours before the event to confirm your booking. If payment is not received, the event will unfortunately be canceled.

STAFF & ANIMAL AVAILABILITY

Events are generally available Monday–Friday between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Weekend availability is optional but limited due to shelter operations and adoption traffic.

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- An illness or unforeseen circumstance prevents an animal from participating

Not every animal is suited for every environment. Animals attending events are selected based on temperament, stress level, age, health, and overall suitability for the event. Final decisions are made by our animal care team to ensure the best experience for both the animals and attendees.

HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Outdoor events must provide a designated area for our tent, playpens, and materials.
- Indoor events must provide a secure, enclosed space.
- Events must be indoors if temperatures exceed 85°F or fall below 45°F.
- Food and beverages must be kept safely away from animals.



YOGA CLASSES

- $300 per one-hour class
- Maximum 30 participants when hosted at our facility
- We do not provide yoga mats, blocks, or instructors