

**THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT THAT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.**

Please send the completed and signed Participation Agreement and Release to Jaclyn Rosenberg by email to jrosenberg@humanesociety.org or by mail to the HSUS, Attn: Jaclyn Rosenberg/ Taking Action for Animals, 1255 23rd St NW, Suite 450, Washington, DC 20037. Each minor participant must have a signed Participant Agreement and Release on file in order to attend Taking Action for Animals.

**Taking Action for Animals 2023
Participation Agreement and Release**

I, _____, the parent having legal custody and/or the legal guardian of _____, a minor child (“Child”), desire that Child participate in the Humane Society of the United States’ (“HSUS”) Taking Action for Animals 2023 conference (the “Conference”) and engage in any activities related to the Conference, including breakout sessions, general sessions and any other events included with their registration. In consideration of HSUS allowing Child to participate in the Conference, I hereby agree to the following:

1. I represent and warrant that (a) I am the parent having legal custody and/or the legal guardian of Child; (b) I am at least 18 years of age and am otherwise competent; and (c) I have the legal right and authority, without limitation, to execute this Participation Agreement and Release (the “Release”) on my behalf, on behalf of Child, and on behalf of any other parent/legal guardian having custody of Child.

I hereby consent to Child’s participation in the Conference. I understand that such consent is given entirely at my own risk, and I agree to accept and assume any and all risks that Child’s participation in the Conference may entail. I also acknowledge that the United States is currently experiencing a pandemic, and by traveling to and attending the Conference, I am assuming all risks of that travel and attendance including the potential for that Child to contract COVID-19. I also agree that by participating in the Conference I have read and that Child will abide by the HSUS health and safety policies. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless HSUS, its affiliates, and each of their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers, contractors, agents, successors, and assigns (collectively, the “Releasees”) from any and all liabilities, causes of action, judgments, claims, and demands of any kind or nature whatsoever, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from the Child’s participation in the Conference.

I understand that this Release discharges the Releasees from any liability or claim that Child or I may have against the Releasees with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from the Child’s participation in the Conference, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law. I also understand that the Releasees do not assume any responsibility for, or assume any obligation to provide, financial or other assistance (including, but not limited to, medical, health or disability insurance) in the event of Child’s injury or illness.

2. I understand that, from time to time, the HSUS and its affiliates produce educational and promotional material related to their programs and events. I understand that as a participant, Child may be included in videos or photographs taken during the Conference. I hereby grant HSUS and its licensees, affiliates, employees, and representatives permission to photograph or otherwise record Child participating in the Conference and consent to the distribution, publication, and/or use of Child's name, photograph, likeness, image, voice, and biographical information in photographs, video and/or audio recordings, and electronic reproductions for purposes of media, publications, advertising, publicity or any other use related to Child's participation in the Conference. I waive any rights of privacy and/or publicity Child may have and additionally grant and convey to HSUS, its affiliates, and their successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in all royalties, proceeds or other benefits derived from such use.

3. I expressly agree that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the District of Columbia. I agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

By signing this Release, I hereby acknowledge and represent that (a) I have read, understand, and agree to its terms; (b) I understand it affects my legal rights, those of the Child, those of any other parent or legal guardian of the Child, and those of my heirs, legal representatives, assigns, and next of kin; and (c) I am signing it freely, voluntarily, and without duress.

Child's Name: _____

Child's DOB: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian DOB: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____