

## **COVID-19 WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

Because COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is spread mainly from person-to-person contact, the Humane Society of the United States (“HSUS”) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, HSUS cannot guarantee that its participants, volunteers, partners, or others in attendance will not become infected with COVID-19. Therefore, all Participants will be required to sign this Covid-19 Waiver and Release of Liability prior to registering for Taking Action for Animals held in Springfield, Illinois from August 4th to 6th, 2023 (“Tafa”). If registration is transferred, the new Participant must sign the COVID-19 Waiver and Release of Liability for the transfer to be complete.

### **ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK:**

I acknowledge and understand the following:

1. Travel to and from Tafa and attendance at Tafa includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. Should I choose to attend Tafa, I understand that I may be exposing myself to and/or increasing my risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19 or other illness and that the risk of serious illness and death does exist;
2. HSUS cannot prevent me from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while attending Tafa and/or entering onto premises where Tafa is held; and
3. I knowingly and freely assume the risk of injury, harm, and loss related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, associated with attending Tafa, even if arising from the negligence or fault of the Released Parties (as defined below).

### **MEDICAL RELEASE:**

By attending Tafa, You recognize that your participation is voluntary and may result in personal injury (including death) and/or property damage. By attending, You acknowledge and assume all risks and dangers associated with your participation, and You agree that HSUS, its family of organizations, and its affiliated Tafa partners, exhibitors, and sponsors, including in each case, without limitation, their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents (collectively, the “Released Parties”), will not be responsible for any personal or bodily injury (including illness and/or death), property damage, economic loss, out of pocket expenses, or other loss suffered as a result of your participation in or attendance at Tafa. YOU HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF WHATEVER KIND OR NATURE, EITHER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY, AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGES OR LOSSES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, FAULT OR CONDUCT OF ANY KIND ON THE PART OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHICH YOU OR YOUR HEIRS, ASSIGNEES, NEXT OF KIN AND/OR LEGALLY APPOINTED OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES, MAY HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ARISE FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION WITH Tafa. BY ATTENDING AND/OR PARTICIPATING IN Tafa, YOU ARE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN A FULL RELEASE OF LIABILITY TO THE RELEASED PARTIES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.