



## **Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement**

This Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement (the "Release") releases Humane Society of the Treasure Coast, a nonprofit corporation, and each of its directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents, of any and all liability regarding its critter grooming activities. By signing this Release, you understand and agree to the following:

1. Humane Society of the Treasure Coast's groomers are Critter Care Volunteers for the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast
2. Your rabbit or guinea pig ("critter") does not have any known medical conditions that would put their health or safety at risk while being groomed (including, but not limited to, seizures, arthritis, or skin disorders).
3. Your critter does not have any known illness or parasites that could put the health or safety of other critters at risk.
4. If your critter has any history of biting or any other behaviors that could result in a challenge for the critter or the groomer, we require that you notify us before booking your appointment. If you fail to inform us and your critter becomes overly stressed, we may elect to not complete the grooming process and a refund will not be provided.
5. Our volunteers provide brushing, nail trims, scent gland cleaning, and moderate mat removal. Volunteers are not permitted to provide medical treatment or advice but will refer you to a veterinarian who specializes in critters if necessary. If your critter requires extensive grooming, you should seek the services of a professional.
6. Your critter's comfort and safety are our top priority, and you will be present alongside your critter throughout the grooming process. Although rare, there is a risk of accidents happening when working with pets. Humane Society of the Treasure Coast will inform you immediately of any incident that occurs during your grooming appointment.

Your signature below represents your recognition and acceptance of any risk associated with Humane Society of the Treasure Coast's groomers' handling of your critter, including any risks of injury, infection, disease, and/or risk of physical harm and/or property damage. Humane Society of the Treasure Coast and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents are not responsible for any injury and/or damage to critters, persons and/or property while grooming occurs and while attending any functions anywhere organized, supervised or otherwise having the involvement of Humane Society of the Treasure Coast. It is your responsibility to bring any conditions or circumstances mentioned above to Humane Society of the Treasure Coast's attention to ensure the safety and well-being of your critter, the public, and Humane Society of the Treasure Coast's employees and volunteers.



Accordingly, on behalf of yourself, your heirs, personal representatives, and executors/administrators, you hereby release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Humane Society of the Treasure Coast, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents from any and all claims, causes of actions, or demands of any nature or cause, including costs and attorney's fees, arising out of or in any way connected with your critter's grooming appointment, including but not limited to animal bites, accidents, injuries, property damage, and veterinary fees. This Release shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

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

Print: \_\_\_\_\_ Critter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_