



**Cornell University**

**Cornell University – College of Veterinary Medicine**  
***Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association***

**Name of Event: 2026 Spring Kitten Yoga**

**Location: CVM LH6**

**Date: Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Assumption Of Risk And Hold Harmless Agreement**

***Please read this entire document carefully. This document contains important information and legally binding terms.***

**By signing this agreement, you give up your right to bring a court action to recover damages or obtain any other remedy for any injury to yourself or your property including death, however caused, arising out of your participation in the *Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine and the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association* activities now or any time in the future.**

**WARNINGS:** I am aware that this ***2026 Spring Kitten Yoga*** activity has inherent risks. Among these risks is the risk of injury from participation in physical activity including but not limited to:

***Slips, trips, and falls, Traversing uneven terrain; Contact with physical objects such as tree limbs, rocks, holes, and fences; Contact with/being bitten or stung by animals such as dogs, insects, spiders, and reptiles; Insect-borne diseases; Water-borne diseases; Musculoskeletal injuries including broken bones, dislocations, sprains, and strains; Bruises, cuts, and blisters to the face, body, and appendages; Extreme weather conditions, including sun, rain, snow, wind, and lightning; Hypothermia, hyperthermia, dehydration, heart attack, and stroke; Motor vehicle accidents; Severe bodily injury or death, etc.***

***I acknowledge and am aware that participating in this event may expose me to the rabies virus or other zoonotic diseases. I am further aware that information about rabies is available through the New York State Department of Health and its website: <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/zoonoses/rabies/> I acknowledge that my pet has been vaccinated against rabies, is non-aggressive toward humans and other animals, and I am aware that there are risks associated with allowing my pets to participate in this event, including but not limited to those associated with interactions with other pets (exposure to infectious disease, injury, etc.) and injury during activity. I am further aware that there are personal risks including but not limited to bites and scratches from pets participating.***



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**AGREEMENT TO ASSUME RISKS:** By signing below, I acknowledge and agree that these are inherent risks of the activity and that I understand I will be exposed to each of these risks and other risks of injury or death by choosing to participate in this *2026 Spring Kitten Yoga* activities. I acknowledge and agree that my participation is voluntary and that if I believe any activity is unsafe for any reason, including the degree of skill required and my proficiency with that skill, I will immediately discontinue my participation in the activity. I further acknowledge and agree that I am voluntarily assuming all the inherent risks of participation.

**Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Release of Liability:** I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by communicable diseases, including COVID-19, at Cornell University may arise from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and/or others. I recognize that the University cannot limit all potential sources of infection from communicable diseases occurring at on- or off-campus locations. I knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks, including but not limited to, the risk of illness, death, bodily injury, disability, or exposure or infection, for myself, and my family. I fully understand the risks, I knowingly and voluntarily waive and release Cornell University trustees, officers, agents, volunteers, employees, students, the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (the "Released Parties") from all present and future claims of any type, including negligence, for any harm or loss, including but not limited to, economic loss, personal injury, disease, death or property damage suffered by me or my family, as a result of my participation in a Cornell University program or activity or as a result of my presence on Cornell University's campus. I agree to indemnify, hold harmless, and covenant not to sue the Released Parties for any personal injury, death, medical expenses, disability, loss of capacity, property damage, court costs, attorney's fees, or other loss arising out of the *2026 Spring Kitten Yoga* activities.

**WAIVER OF CLAIMS:** In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the *2026 Spring Kitten Yoga* which may include the use of Cornell facilities, equipment, and property, use of trip equipment, and travel associated with these trips, I hereby waive all claims against the Released Parties from any liabilities, damages, expenses, causes of action, claims, or demands of any nature whatsoever, including any claims of negligence, on account of personal injury, exposure to communicable diseases, including COVID-19, property damage, death, or accident of any kind related to my participation in the *2026 Spring Kitten Yoga*, however caused, except in the event of gross negligence. I intend for this waiver to bind my family members, heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, and assigns, as well as myself.

I understand that neither Cornell University nor the College of Veterinary Medicine, nor the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association, provides any accident or medical insurance and that I am required to provide my own accident and medical insurance. I hereby agree that I am financially responsible for all such expenses. I understand that the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association do not carry radios or cell phones, and I may be far from medical facilities.

I understand that neither Cornell University the College of Veterinary Medicine, nor the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association provides any private vehicle insurance and that I am required to provide my own private vehicle insurance should I elect to use my own vehicle for transportation to or from the *2026 Spring Kitten Yoga's* activities. In the event of an



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accident or injury in my private vehicle or any other private vehicle in which I may ride to or from this **2026 Spring Kitten Yoga** activity, I agree to the same terms outlined above.

I understand that all participants are subject to Cornell University regulations including the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association policies, laws of the United States, and the laws of New York State. In the vent of violation of these or behavior that is considered by the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association to be detrimental to me as a participant, other participants, or the event or program, Cornell University/the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association shall have the right to dismiss me from the **2026 Spring Kitten Yoga** while retaining any applicable payment(s).

This Waiver and Release of Claims shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York, without consideration of its conflicts of laws principles, and any dispute about the terms shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of New York with venue in Tompkins County.

- I hereby certify that I am physically fit and able to participate in this activity.
- I certify that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this Waiver and Release of Claims. If a minor, I understand this form needs to be signed by my parent or legal guardian. I understand the terms herein are contractual.

**I have read and fully understand the above warnings and agree to assume all risks, as well as the waiver/ release of claims. I have signed this document of my own free will and agree to the terms outlined herein.**

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Participant Name	Participant Signature	Cornell ID#, Date
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Organizer/Director	Title	Signature
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<b>2026 Spring Kitten Yoga</b>	<b>4/25/2026</b>
Program/ Event Name	Date