

Escambia County Animal Shelter

Volunteer Opportunities

Opportunity	Description	Special Requirements
ANIMAL CARE	Train, feed, water, groom, bathe and exercise animals as well as clean, disinfect and repair their cages, play with the animals, provide companionship, and observe behavioral changes that could indicate illness or injury.	
AIDE/CUSTOMER SERVICE	Assist visitors at the Shelter facility by providing information and assisting with animal care, greets customers, direct visitors to the appropriate area in the shelter, answer basic questions, controls public access at entry door, enhance facility safety by assigning customers with small children to staff or volunteer escort.	Excellent customer service skills – must be professional and courteous
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SUPPORT	Provide clerical support which may include filing, typing and helping with other office needs, contacting resources to update information and assisting with media release.	Computer skills helpful
ADOPTION COUNSELOR	Increase the number and quality of adoptions by helping people to find the right pet. Volunteers explain adoption procedures; help adopters with completing the adoption process and answer questions.	Must be 18 or older
ADOPTION AND PLACEMENT COORDINATOR/ADOPTION ENHANCEMENT	Assist in the selection of animals to be considered for placement into new individual homes, specific breed groups, foster care homes, or other placement agencies. Volunteer meets with other volunteer staff to select and prepare animals for placement.	Must be 18 or older
CANINE EXERCISER/DOG WALKER	Help caged pets obtain additional exercise, fresh air and human contact, walk the dogs spending quality time with them to get them use to interaction with people, work and play with them in yards, spend time with them in quiet rooms.	
DISASTER RELIEF	Plan, prepare and setup up temporary shelters, ready to work at a moment's notice, shelter cleaning, feeding, walking animals.	Must be 18 or older
DONATION COORDINATOR	Assist with donated goods from the public, which are used to maintain the quality of care at the Shelter facility. The volunteer coordinates communication with volunteer groups to host drives to collect these supplies.	Must be 18 or older
EDUCATION/OUTREACH VOLUNTEER	Assist at various sites throughout the County and at the Shelter facility to educate citizens about animal care and welfare, pet over-population, rabies prevention, and other specific animal related topics.	
FELINE HELPER/Cat care	Feed, clean, groom, visit with the cats and kittens to help socialize, care, comfort, pet, brush, or simply provide some lap-time.	
FOSTER PARENTS	Provide a temporary home for very young, nursing or ill animals that are not ready to be placed for adoption.	In-home visit - must be 18 or older
FUNDRAISER	Make donor calls and assist with various fundraising events.	
GENERAL ANIMAL CARE	May work directly with animals, performing tasks like feeding, bathing and exercising or walking animals, interact with perspective pet owners introducing them to pets – handling them, assisting with filling out adoption forms, provide advice, provide clerical assistance, advertising, fund-raising events or adoption drives, assist in laundry room, washing dishes, assist in general clean-up of the facility, provide assistance where needed.	
GROOMER	Bathe and brush the shelter animals to make them more comfortable and more attractive to adopters.	
SPECIAL EVENT AIDE/PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY	Perform various duties at events sponsored by the Shelter, assist in spreading the word at various fairs and other public events, contact shelters to inform them of top-notch supplies, care and more, create posters or other advertisements to let adopters know about Animal Services, design brochures, and educational hand-outs.	
VETERINARY MEDICAL PRACTICE	Responsible for overseeing the operations of veterinary care for animals, perform humane euthanasia as needed, assist with spay neuter surgery preparation and recovery, may possibly assist with surgery, shots and medical instruments.	Must be 18 or older
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TRAINER	Provide dogs with basic obedience skills to help them become better canine citizens.	
WEBSITE VOLUNTEER/Photographer	Assists in the production of adoption flyers and website updates by taking pictures of adoptable and/or stray animals.	

Note: All volunteers are required to attend the Escambia County Animal Shelter Orientation and Training.