

Harbor Humane Society Volunteer Opportunities

This is a list of the various volunteer opportunities that are available through Harbor Humane Society's Volunteer Program. Please review this list so that you can make an informed decision as to which position/positions best match your interests and abilities. You must be 16 years or older or have a trained adult volunteer such as a parent or older sibling accompany you at all times to be considered for any volunteer position at HHS.

Off Site Adopt A Thon – *We are always in need of volunteers to help out at our off site Adopt A Thons. This person would assist the Adoption Consular by taking the animal out of their pens to show to interested parties, answer questions, make sure the animal has food & water etc. These events are scheduled throughout the year at various times and locations to be announced. You would be welcome to volunteer as your schedule permits.*

Kennel Tech/TLC Giver - The longer the animals spend in their kennels, the less adoptable they become. They can begin to go "kennel crazy", show aggressive tendencies or just plain bounce off the walls when they are taken into the visiting room with a prospective adopter. I can't tell you how many times I have heard the phrase, "He's just too hyper." Regular exercise and socialization can greatly improve the quality of an animal's life while he/she is here and also make a big difference when it comes to that animal's adoptability. This position requires somebody who has experience with animals and patience. You will get jumped on, drooled on and just overall dirty. When you take an animal from a messy kennel, we would love it if you could tidy up that kennel. Checking to make sure that all animals have sufficient water is another part of this job. If you notice some aggression towards other dogs, this is good for our staff to know as well. This is all important information when it comes to placing any particular animal in the right home. The Kennel Tech/TLC Giver is an invaluable part of our family here at HHS.

Foster Caregivers – We are always in need of volunteers who are willing to share their homes and their lives on a temporary basis with animals who need special care. Whether we are talking about kittens or puppies that need a stable atmosphere in which to grow up or an ill cat or dog that needs a quiet place to recover and receive the proper medications, we are never short of animals that need special care. This job requires a huge amount of time and emotional sacrifice, as it is often difficult to bring animals back into our shelter when they have been a part of your family for a period of time. Foster Caregivers are a special group of volunteers and our animals are truly blessed by the love and care they receive from the people willing to foster them. Foster volunteers are commonly subject to a home visit by our Volunteer Coordinator.

Groomers – Are you an amateur or professional groomer with some time to give? Our residents could always use a little sprucing up! Getting them used to being brushed and bathed is an excellent socialization technique, and they are so much more adoptable when they are soft, fuzzy and clean! Some experience in this area is best.

Classroom Educators – As part of our Humane Education program, we educate hundreds of children each year on animal care, overpopulation and safety around animals. Again, the demand is higher than the staff can handle. Do you have some educational background? Do you enjoy working with children? Do you have your own transportation?

Donation Bank Collectors – These volunteers travel to local businesses to collect the money deposited in Harbor Humane Society banks. They also try to recruit new businesses to have the willingness to display a HHS Donation Bank.

MISC Volunteer Opportunities – There is never a shortage of things that need to be done here at the Shelter. We are always in need of extra help when it comes to cleaning, office work, special events and handy work. If you have time and any particular skill that you would like to donate to the HHS, please let us know!!

Group volunteers- Are you a member of a service group? The HHS can always use help with one time or annual projects such as spring cleanup, tree trimming, or helping out with a fund raiser.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and experience please contact our program coordinator at 399-2119 ext.16 or volunteers@harborhumane.org

Harbor Humane Society

Volunteer Application

Date _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip code _____

Home phone _____

Alternate phone _____

Email address _____

Why do you want to volunteer at the Harbor Humane Society?

What skills or experience do you have to offer that you feel would be beneficial to our shelter?

What are your thoughts and feelings about euthanasia?

Please put a check next to the volunteer positions you would be interested in after reviewing the enclosed description of positions.

Thrift Store _____

Off Site Adopt A Thon _____

Kennel Tech/TLC Giver _____

Foster Caregiver _____

Classroom Educator _____

Donation Bank Collector _____

Misc Volunteer services (pls explain) _____