

VOLUNTEER...

... AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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Volunteers make the difference!

The animals of our community need your help. As a volunteer, you are essential in helping provide the needed services and quality of life for the animals that show up at our Shelter.

We hope that your time as a volunteer will be as rewarding for you as it is for the animals you'll care for.

Some of the goals of our Shelter include:

- Educating the public on the responsibilities of pet ownership;
- Reducing the number of homeless animals within Thurston County;
- Reducing (by means not damaging to the animal or the welfare of the animal community) the number of animals abandoned and euthanized;
- Increasing the number of responsible adoptions from the Shelter; and
- Encouraging public involvement.

With what programs can volunteers help?

Some of the volunteer opportunities include:

- Kennel helpers - provide direct care for pets at the Shelter;
 - Office helpers - file, mail out licenses and assist visitors;
 - Public events - help staff information booths at fairs and other public gatherings;
 - Project helpers - assist with special projects as needed;
 - Publicity - take pictures of our animals for petfinder and create educational posters, displays and campaigns;
 - Foster animals - provide a short-term home for young litters or older injured animals;
 - Shelter helpers - maintain the grounds and pick up the dog areas;
- ...and many more!

Volunteering at the Shelter...

When can I be at the Shelter?

Volunteers help at the Shelter every day during working hours. The Shelter is open Monday through Friday from 9:30-4:30 and 9:30-4:00 on Saturday.

What can I do at the Shelter?

Dog/Cat/Small Animal Care

- the first priority for all volunteers is keeping the animal's environment healthy and clean
- other opportunities include socializing, walking, grooming, bathing and matching adopters with the right pet

Clerical Help

- filing, mailing, writing letters

Special Projects

What kind of a commitment?

We ask that you volunteer a minimum of 4 hours each month for a period of 6 months (or longer!) If you have community service requirements, please talk to the Volunteer Coordinator before applying.

How old do I have to be?

You must be at least 14 years old. Potential volunteers, 11-13 years old, must be accompanied by a responsible adult volunteer at orientation and while volunteering.

How do I become a Shelter volunteer?

Here are the steps for volunteering:

- Pick up an application at Animal Services or download one from our webpage.
- Fill out the application completely and bring it with you to orientation. We cannot accept incomplete forms.
- Attend a volunteer orientation. These orientations last 1-1^{1/2} hours and cover basic information about volunteering and Animal Services. Dates and times of upcoming orientations can be found on our webpage or by calling the shelter.
- The City of Lacey requires a background check run on all applicants. After you attend orientation, we will submit that paperwork.
- After your background check has cleared, we will contact you to schedule your first volunteer shift. This will give you an opportunity for hands-on training.

Questions about volunteering?

Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 352-2510, ext. 1009 or volunteer@jointanimalservices.org. Our webpage also has more information on volunteering.

