

# Volunteer Opportunities >

## 1 [ADMIN / OFFICE HELP](#)

From time to time, we need people to help us with special projects as needed. These can vary from administration, answering the phone, reception work, liaison, entering information into our database, assisting the public with adoptions, lost animals etc.

## 2 [ADOPTION EVENTS](#)

### **Work with dogs/cats at special adoption events.**

This involves being assigned a dog to supervise during an adoption event. Once you sign up for an event, WE DEPEND ON YOU TO SHOW UP. If you fail to show up, the dog you are assigned to will be stuck without a handler, and may have to be immediately returned to the kennels or be stuck in a cage all day long where nobody will ever see him/her.

## 3 [FOSTER CARE](#)

### **Fostering dogs and cats from your home**

We are ALWAYS in need of Foster Homes. Only by placing our animals in foster care can we continue to save the many abandoned animals whose lives are at stake. Fostering really helps us finding the perfect home for a pet.

Becoming a foster parent is extremely rewarding. Remember, once your animal finds a loving family, you can open your home to another rescue that desperately needs it, thus saving more than one life.

If you have a pet(s) of your own, we will make sure that your pet and your new foster pet are introduced correctly so that there is not too much disruption in your daily routine. Remember! Pets are a lot like kids! They need a lot of attention, they make mistakes, and all they want is love and the occasional treat!

If you are interested in volunteering as a foster parent, call (041) 366-1660 [or fill-in the online box and mark your choice in the volunteer section](#) and we will contact you.

## 4 [PHOTOGRAPHY & ADVERTISING](#)

### **Taking and Editing of Photos of adoptable animals to post on our web site, for our newsletter, for posters, etc.**

In this day and age, the Internet is an important tool in getting pets adopted but they need to include photos. If you are interested and have the ability to edit and upload photos onto our web site, own a computer, have Internet access and editing software, we could use your help.

This is perfect for someone who wants to work from home due to a disability, allergies or transportation problem. YOU CAN STILL SAVE ANIMALS!

## **5** [KENNELS & PENS](#)

### **Work with dogs, cats and other animals at our facility**

#### **Dog Walkers**

Take dogs out for their morning and evening walks from 08h00 to 15h30, 7 days a week. Socialize with them and teach them basic training activities.

#### **Cat Companions**

Spend time with our adoptable kitties in their habitats. This is a great chance for socialization for our cats and also helps showcase them to potential adopters.

#### **Pet-Assisted Therapy**

Volunteers bring the joy of animal companionship to people in old age and children homes and hospitals. Animals used for these programs are chosen for their gentle temperament.

#### **Grooming**

Volunteers spend time socializing, dipping and grooming our animals to make them more adoptable.

Pet Parlors can also volunteer by committing to a day per week or certain days per month that would be set aside to groom our pets.

## **6** [FACILITY HELP](#)

### ***Note on Youth Volunteers***

*Minors must be a minimum of 14 years old to volunteer. All youth volunteers must have reliable transportation and a parent or guardian's consent to volunteer. A parent or guardian must accompany minors at all times and can only assist with dog's prior approved. Minors 16-17 years old may volunteer alone and can assist in departments that do not specify a minimum age requirement.*

#### **Janitors**

Help clean our kennels, the cattery and or barnyard, feed the animals and socialize with them.

#### **Education Programs**

You must be comfortable with the handling of animals. No public speaking required. All we need to you do is to assist our Educators with outreach programs at local schools. Please call Sharon on (041) 366-1660 for further information.

#### **Host(es)**

The primary role of the Host(es) is to greet and assist the Society's customers to the proper location, answer basic inquiries while making a favorable first impression. Volunteers must enjoy interacting with the public and be willing to learn about society programs and services.

### **Community Service**

Volunteers are needed to assist with our Township programs. Duties will include assisting with vaccinations, the feeding scheme, educating about animal care & health, etc. Minors must be a minimum of 14 years to volunteers and must have a parent or guardian's consent to volunteer.

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## **8 TRANSPORTATION HELP**

### **Do you have a reliable vehicle that you don't mind getting a little hairy?**

Are you interested in being put on a calling list to help with transportation issues for future events and/or any emergencies we may encounter? Please let us know by phoning us on (041) 366-1660 or [by making your selection on our online volunteer selection box](#) and we will contact you.

## **9 FUNDRAISING HELP**

Much needed money raised at different fundraising events is distributed amongst all our different projects here at the Society i.e. Dog Kennels, Cattery, Hospital, Barnyard, etc. We also raise money for specific causes i.e. Township program, Puppy Care Centre, Building new kennels, etc.

Volunteers are needed for working at special events i.e.

### **Winter and Christmas Fete**

Books/Magazines and Records

Cakes and Sweets

Delicatessen

Needlework and Doll's Clothes

Jewellery

Plants

Tea Room

White Elephant / Pandora's Box

Take Away Foods

### **Christmas Gift Wrapping**

Can you help us with gift wrapping services at the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Shopping Centre from 14 – 24 December even if it is for 1 or 2 days only? All donations received in aid of Animal Welfare.

### **Annual Street Collection**

Would you like to assist by holding a tin at a Shopping Centre near you?

## **10. FUNDRAISING SHOPPE HELP**

There is always plenty to do in our Fundraising Shoppe with roles to suit everybody, such as sorting, cleaning & pricing of goods, assisting customers, operating the till or, for those with an eye for design - arranging the shop or window display. You do not need any special skills and volunteering in our Shoppe will enable you to meet lots of different people, be a valued member of a team and most importantly, you'll be helping to raise much needed funds to care for animals in need.