



Tri-County Humane Society

Central Minnesota's independent, non-profit animal shelter

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Volunteer Application

(Please Print Clearly)

Date: ___/___/___

Legal Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number(s): Home: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Employer/Occupation: _____

School: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____

Age Requirement and References:

Birthdate: _____

Must be 10 years of age to volunteer alongside an adult, and at least 14 years of age to volunteer alone. Applicants between ages 14-17 must provide 2 letters of reference from two non-relatives.

How did you here about the volunteer opportunities at the Tri-County Humane Society?

Newspaper Radio TCHS Newsletter Website School Other: _____

Recruited By: _____

Would you like to receive our free quarterly newsletter? Yes No Receiving Newsletter Already

Have you done volunteer work before? If yes, what? _____

Do you have any special needs requiring accommodation? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime (not including minor traffic violations)?

Yes No If yes, please explain _____

(Background Checks are performed on each applicant. However, existence of a criminal record is not an automatic disqualification.)

Applicant's signature _____ Date ___/___/___

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date ___/___/___

(If applicant is under 18 years of age)

**Volunteers are essential to everything we do.
Wherever your talents lie, TCHS welcomes your involvement!**

Return to the Tri-County Humane Society.

Volunteer Opportunities:

(Check all areas of interest.)

Fundraising/Events:

Off-Site/Mobile Adoptions

- Off-Site adoptions take place every weekend; minimum time commitment of once a month.
- Volunteers take animals to local area locations for adoption events (e.g. Petsmart and Petco).
- Must be 16 years of age or older and have your own vehicle, driver's license, and proof of insurance.

Event Worker

- Time commitment varies depending on event.
- Events include, but are not limited to: Companion Walk, Santa Paws, Gift Wrapping, Wine, Kibbles and Bids, Parades, Brat Sales, Benton County Fair, etc...

Humane Education:

Shelter Tours

- Each tour lasts 1-2 hours. Tours are conducted as scheduled.
- Volunteer conducts a group tour of the shelter, discusses mission, areas of need, upcoming events, etc... Youth groups typically receive a tour followed by an activity involving grooming/socializing animals.

School Visits

- Each visit lasts about 1 hour. Visits are conducted as scheduled.
- Volunteer gives presentation that encourages safety, awareness, and the practice of humane care for animals. Must be able to work with a variety of age groups. Experience working with children and animals preferred.

Senior Care Facility Visits

- Each visit lasts about 1 hour. Visits are once a month.
- Volunteer takes an animal (shelter pet or their own, if approved) to a care center to visit with seniors.

Animal Care:

*Minimum 20 hour volunteer commitment.

*Minimum 2 hours per week (preferably the same day each week).

Shelter Animal Care

- Volunteers provide a clean, inviting environment for the animals and the public, and customer service for visitors. Other tasks include exercising, socializing, bathing, and grooming shelter animals to increase their adoptability. Volunteers are required to assist with pet laundry and dishes as well.

Offsite Animal Care

- Volunteers clean cages of TCHS animals available for adoption at Petco as needed.

Sick Animal Care

- Volunteers assist sick animals in isolation by walking dogs, holding and brushing cats, and tidying up cages.

Office Work:

Newsletter Mailings

- On call. Mailings are done approximately seven times a year.
- Duties include preparing literature for bulk mailing.

Miscellaneous Office Assistance

- Duties include data entry, filing, editing website descriptions, stocking and pricing merchandise, phone calling, etc...

Special Talents:

Animal Photographer

- Minimum 20 hour commitment. Minimum 2 hours per week (preferably the same day each week).
- Volunteer photographs and loads photos of shelter animals available for adoption to our website, www.tricountyhumanesociety.org.

Animal Transporter

- When the need arises.
- Must be 16 years or older, have your own vehicle, driver's license, and proof of car insurance.
- Volunteers transport animals from the shelter to local veterinary clinics or to the MN School of Business.
- Volunteers are also needed to transport animals to the University of MN in St. Paul on Mondays and Fridays (when the need arises as spays and neuters are scheduled.)

Building Maintenance

- Time commitment is flexible.
- Volunteers help with miscellaneous maintenance jobs at the shelter.
- Circle the following areas of your expertise:

Dry Walling Painting Construction Electric Welding Heating/Cooling Units Plumbing

Grounds Maintenance and Gardening

- Time commitment is flexible.
- Volunteers keep the grounds well-groomed and watered.
- Gardening/landscaping experience helpful.

Professional Groomer

- On call for when the need arises.
- Helpful to bring own grooming supplies, but not necessary.

Surgery (Assisting)

- Scheduled with animal care manager/supervisor.
- Veterinary technicians, pre-vet students in 2nd + year, or vet tech students in 2nd year.

Surgery (Performing)

- Scheduled with animal care manager/supervisor.
- Veterinarians only.
- Option of doing surgeries at shelter or own clinic.