

Want to Help the Animals?



VOLUNTEER!

Dear Volunteer Candidate,

Thank you for your interest volunteering with the Central PA Humane Society. We are a non-profit organization that provides shelter for unwanted, abandoned, lost, and abused animals. Our staff is dedicated to the daily care of nearly 100 animals every day of the year. Last year we placed 1,300 animals into loving homes and reunited 350 lost animals with their guardians. As a busy shelter, we rely heavily on the help of volunteers. Please read over the wide array of volunteer opportunities; select more than one area and count on making a difference for the animals.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old to work with dogs, and 16 to work with cats.

Date of Application: ____/____/____

Name _____

Address _____

City/ST/Zip _____

Home Phone - _____ Cell Phone - _____

Work Phone - _____ May we call you at work? Yes / No

Student or Occupation _____

Are you over the Age of 18? Yes / No (Please circle)

We need volunteer support during our working hours which are Sunday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday's until 7:00 p.m.

We work 365 days a year

Public Hours: 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Mon, Tue, Thur, Sat, Sun

Friday – 12:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Closed on Wednesdays

What areas are you interested in? Choose more than one.	√ if interested	Describe your experiences with the items you checked.
<p><i>Animal Bathing/Grooming</i> Help dogs or cats put their best paw forward to adopters by looking more attractive. May include bathing, clipping hair, trimming nails, cleaning ears and eyes.</p>		
<p><i>Cage Cleaning</i> We provide clean cages daily for dogs, cats and all small animals. Help us in the mornings with taking the dogs out, washing cages and setting up with clean beds, blankets and food. An important task that will gratify you and the animals.</p>		
<p><i>Dog's Best Friend</i> Our dogs would be grateful for a walk or a game of fetch. Give them exercise, practice walking on a leash, and praise good behaviors, making them more adoptable.</p>		
<p><i>Potty Breaks for Pooches</i> Between 3 p.m. & 5 p.m., we'd like to see all dogs get out for a potty break. Inform us of any potty problems. Clean up is required after each dog. Then spend a few minutes playing fetch or another activity before going on to the next dog.</p>		
<p><i>Cat Companion</i> Petting and playing with our cats relieves the stress and confusion of shelter life. Offer your affection and keep cats happy and purring with a little attention.</p>		
<p><i>PETCO Kitties & Canines</i> We feature a few kittens at a time for adoption at PETCO. Help increase our kitten adoptions by taking them to PETCO and doing the complete set up in the kitty cages. Training included. Spend a couple hours there presenting an adoptable dog or two.</p>		
<p><i>Front Office/Phones</i> Our phone rings constantly. You'll be busy providing callers with information, taking messages, completing lost and found reports, making copies. You won't know where the time went.</p>		
<p><i>Vet Clinic Office</i> Assist the Vet Tech with making surgery reminder calls, answering the phone, assisting customers, and paperwork. It is pleasant busy work.</p>		
<p><i>Public Greeter</i> Direct visitors to the kennel, puppy room, or cat room. Take dogs out on leashes or cats from cages for customers and answer basic questions for them.</p>		
<p><i>Custodial/Yard Work</i> Assist us with keeping our property looking its best. Mow grass, shovel snow, sweep walks, wash windows, paint, clean plant beds, etc.</p>		
<p><i>Transportation</i> Provide transportation to breed rescues for dogs or cats. Some rescues may be out of the area. Or we may need your service to pick up donated items at various retailers to deliver to the Humane Society for the benefit of our animals.</p>		
<p><i>Photography/Website</i> An eye for detail is needed when taking photos of our new animals for the website. Post pictures to the website with detailed descriptions and creativity.</p>		
<p><i>Thrift Shop</i> Sort, research, price, and stock donated goods such as clothing, toys, furniture, house wares, and other interesting items. Involves some lifting. Cashiers needed. Nice discount for hours donated.</p>		
<p><i>Fundraising/Special Events</i> Join us for one, a few, or all of our fundraisers throughout the year in preparing for the events. Help with set up, working events, and/or featuring our adoptable animals. It's all good, fun work.</p>		

Do you prefer working with: (circle your choices) Dogs Cats Rabbits Other

If you chose "Other", please list the types of animals you would like to work with:
(Example: birds, guinea pigs, reptiles, small rodents)

Is there anything else you'd like to share about your experiences or skills with animals?

List any restrictions or limitations that could affect your availability for volunteer work (family, job, lifting, etc.)

Time Available to Volunteer: _____Mornings _____Afternoons _____Weekends

In case of emergency, notify: _____

Phone: _____ 2nd Phone _____

Do you have previous volunteer experience? ____Yes ____No

Previous and/or present volunteer reference we may contact:

Organization: _____

Contact person's name: _____ Phone _____

Volunteer Release

I, _____, hereby release the Central PA Humane Society (CPHS), its Board Members, Officers, Employees and Agents from any responsibility for any injury or illness incurred by me during my presence as a volunteer at the CPHS. I understand that the CPHS personnel will do their best to educate me and supervise my actions in an effort to prevent possible harm; however, I accept responsibility for any accidents and/or illness that may cause me injury. I agree to notify CPHS personnel in charge immediately if bitten, scratched, injured or otherwise taken ill while volunteering. I will endeavor to treat the animals housed at the CPHS with the utmost respect and care. I further agree to abide by all the CPHS rules and regulations.

Signature of Volunteer

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature
(for applicants under 18 years of age)

Date

Shelter Agent

Your completed Volunteer Application can be dropped off or mailed to:

Central PA Humane Society - Volunteer
1837 E. Pleasant Valley Blvd.
Altoona, PA 16602
Phone: (814) 942-5402
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