

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers having direct animal care contact must be at least 18 years of age.

Shift times will vary depending on volunteer roles and assignments.

Level 1 Volunteering

All volunteers begin at Level 1 in our program. The following is a list of volunteer opportunities for people entering our program.

Dog Companion Level 1

Dog Companions work directly with shelter staff in our kennels by helping to provide the dogs with human companionship, exercise and environmental enrichment. This is a “hands on” program for volunteers. Cleaning cages, washing dishes and walking dogs are some examples of the duties volunteers assist our staff with. The dog-human interactions can help relieve stress and provides environmental enrichment to improve our animals’ quality of life and can increase their adoptability.

Cat Companion Level 1

Cat Companions work directly with shelter staff in our cat rooms to help our cats receive human companionship, play time and environmental enrichment. This is a “hands on” program for volunteers. Cleaning cages, washing dishes and playing with cats are some examples of the duties volunteers assist our staff with. The cat-human interactions can help relieve stress and provides environmental enrichment to improve our animals’ quality of life and can increase their adoptability.

Adoption Counseling

Adoption Counselors greet and assist ARL customers. They provide excellent customer service to potential adopters by assisting them with adoption paperwork, answering questions about adoptable animals, provide adoption counseling and assist with animal adoption interactions. This position requires excellent interpersonal skills and an inclusive understanding of ARL adoption procedures and policies.

Foster Care Program

Foster care volunteers provide homes, care and a nurturing environment to potentially adoptable animals. Often times, these animals need time to grow, heal and learn to socialize in a safe and caring environment before becoming adoptable. You must be able to provide transportation and isolation. Medicine and special dietary items will be provided. Volunteers must attend foster specific training classes.

Administrative

Volunteers assist ARL staff with administrative support and special projects. These positions are available within our administrative offices. Whether filing, data entry, replying to e-mails or working on special projects, administrative volunteers help take some clerical pressure off of ARL and are especially welcome and appreciated.

Community Outreach

Volunteers attend outreach events with the purpose of educating the community about ARL’s mission, services and programs while accepting donations from the public. We have a wide variety of events from local libraries, to public parks, to VFWs and many more!

Development and Fundraising Events

Our Development Department is responsible for processing all donations and planning special event fundraisers for ARL. Volunteers will attend planning meetings, work at special events and periodically help with office work. Interaction with our shelter animals is limited, but this is a crucial role for helping our pets through fundraising. For special events both committee involvement and day-of-event opportunities are available.

Stay tuned for additional opportunities to be added in the near future!



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