

FLUVANNA SPCA

Supporting Pawsitive Pet Partnership Since 1989



Volunteer Opportunities

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Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Fluvanna Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (FSPCA)! Following is a listing of the volunteer opportunities currently available. To sign-up, please complete a volunteer application form and submit it to the shelter. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (434) 591-0123 or director@fspca.org.

Adoption Outing Worker

Hours Worked: typically, outings are on Saturdays or Sundays; hours depend on the actual outing

Duties: transport supplies and animals to and from the outing site; set-up and break down cages and crates; care for cats and dogs during the event; walk dogs as needed; speak with potential adopters; and talk to the public about the shelter

Animal Groomer

Hours Worked: shifts are available Wednesday through Sunday between 12 noon and 5 p.m.; *people are especially needed on Friday afternoons to prepare animals for the weekend adoption outings*

Duties: wash and dry dogs and puppies; brush dogs and cats; remove mats from fur; clip toenails; and report any skin and/or parasite issues observed during grooming

Animal Transporter

Hours Worked: days and times worked vary

Duties: transport cats to and from Happy Tails pet store; take cats and dogs to the vet's office to be spayed/neutered and/or for medical treatment for injuries or illnesses

Cat Socializer

Hours Worked: shifts are available 7 days a week between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Duties: pet and play with cats and kittens; weather permitting, take cats to the outdoor pen for playtime; clip toenails; brush fur; during hours the shelter is open to the public, assist with showing cats to potential adopters; and report observations about the behaviors of specific cats to shelter staff

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Dog Walker

Hours Worked: shifts are available 7 days a week between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; *people are especially needed daily between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. to walk dogs while kennel staff members are cleaning the dog runs*

Duties: take dogs out for walks; socialize dogs; and report observations about the behaviors of dogs walked to shelter staff

Follow-Up Caller

Hours Worked: days and times worked are flexible

Duties: contact adopters to verify that they have spayed/neutered their pets as agreed to in the adoption contract

Front Desk Assistant

Hours Worked: shifts are available Wednesday through Sunday between the hours of 12 noon and 5 p.m.; *people are especially needed on Saturdays and Sundays*

Duties: greet visitors to the shelter; provide potential adopters with information about shelter animals; take lost pet reports; answer questions from the public both in person and over the phone; take pictures of new animals for the web site; complete adoption paperwork; with permission of shelter staff, complete animal intake forms and release animals to their owners; assist with preparing supplies for adoption outings as needed; and assist with the laundry

Yard Worker

Hours Worked: days and times worked are flexible

Duties: mow the grass; edge around the sidewalks and trails; trim bushes; weed flower beds; plant flowers and bushes as needed; and lay mulch

Other

In addition to the opportunities listed above, the shelter has a need for volunteers to foster; write grants; coordinate fundraisers such as the annual wine tasting event at Keswick; assist with special events such as the rabies vaccination clinic; hem and repair blankets, sheets, and pads for the animals; give educational talks; and help with shelter maintenance.

If you have a special skill and/or interest, please let us know. We would be happy to put you to work!