

Humane Society for Greater Nashua - 24 Ferry Rd, Nashua, NH 03064 - P: (603) 889-2275 - F: (603) 889-2240

## **Volunteer Position: Cat & Small Animal Volunteer**

**Supervision:** Small Animal Care Staff & Director of Volunteer Resources. (Once trained, must be able to work with minimal supervision, yet must recognize limitations in knowledge and abilities, and ask for help when needed)

**Description:** Assist with providing necessary care and socialization to our feline & small animal residents through cleaning dishes, litterboxes, and cages as well as creating enrichment and spending time with adoptable pets. In the morning, volunteers will primarily clean and organize to get the animals and spaces ready for adoption hours. In the afternoon, volunteers will focus on enrichment, socialization, and tidying up spaces to keep animals comfortable and happy.

## **Responsibilities:**

- Clean & disinfect cages
- Wash floors
- Assist staff with feeding & watering
- Tidy up adoption & prep areas
- Wash litterboxes & dishes
- Prepare enrichment toys
- Socialize animals

**Requirements:** Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age or older and able to practice safe animal handling. Must also be able to work independently and with others, and be receptive to feedback from staff and senior volunteers. This position requires bending, reaching, and lifting. Volunteers are exposed to various cleaning agents. This position has high animal contact and requires volunteers to be able to read and understand animal body language. Please see Essential Capabilities sheet for a more specific outline of these requirements.

**Time Commitment:** Volunteers must be willing and able to meet our minimum service requirement of one regularly scheduled shift of at least 2 hours per week, for 6 months. Volunteers must attend an orientation session to get started, and additional hands-on training with staff and senior volunteers as required. Shifts are available as follows:

Days	Available Shifts		
Saturday, Sunday & Wednesday	7-10 am	2-4 pm	
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	7-10 am	9-11 am	3-5 pm

\*Note: Volunteers must sign up for the same shift each week

**Benefits:** Provide shelter pets with love and care before they go off to their forever homes. Learn about proper animal care, gain new skills, meet a network of like-minded individuals, practice self-care through volunteerism, and become part of a community.

To apply for this volunteer position, please fill out our <u>Volunteer Application</u> on <u>www.hsfn.org</u>. If you have questions, reach out to the Director of Volunteer Resources at (603) 889-2275 x25.