



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

Volunteer Position: Dog Care Volunteer

Supervision: Manager of Canine & Feline Care and 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: *Please note this position is not hands-on with the dogs unless additional training has been completed. Assist in maintaining the comfort and cleanliness of adoptable dogs & their living quarters through cleaning kennels, washing laundry, doing dishes, creating enrichment, and other general care in the dog room areas. In the morning, volunteers will primarily clean kennels, assist staff with feeding, change bedding, and prep supplies to get the animals and spaces ready for adoption hours. In the afternoon, volunteers will focus on laundry, dishes, refilling water bowls, creating enrichment, and tidying up spaces to keep animals comfortable and happy.

Responsibilities:

- Clean & disinfect kennels
- Wash floors
- Scoop feces, clean up urine, and freshen kennels
- Assist staff with feeding & watering
- Tidy up adoption & prep areas
- In house cleaning: Dishes, laundry and trash
- Prepare enrichment toys

Requirements: Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age or older and able to practice safe animal interactions & 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 works in close proximity to animals with unpredictable behaviors 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 is 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	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 [Volunteer Application](http://www.hsf.org) on www.hsf.org. If you have questions, reach out to the Director of Volunteer Resources at (603) 889-2275 x25.