



Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Sauk County Humane Society! All potential volunteers must submit a completed application and attend an orientation. Questions: 608-356-2520; email volunteer@saukhumane.org

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Date of Application: _____

Name (Last, First, Middle) : _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Age: _____ (must be at least 18 years of age)

Email Address: _____

Email is our preferred method of communication. If you would like phone calls instead, please check here -

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home: _____ / Cell: _____ / Work: _____

Occupation: _____ Highest Grade Level: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Have you volunteered with the Sauk County Humane Society before? Yes No

Do you have any conditions or allergies that may affect your ability to perform certain tasks? Yes No

If "Yes" please explain: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? Yes No If "Yes" please explain:

Are you volunteering to complete court-ordered community service*? Yes No

**We do not sign off on hours for court-ordered community service. All applicants will have background checks prior to beginning their volunteer commitment with the Sauk County Humane Society.*

VOLUNTEER INTERESTS

Why would you like to volunteer with the Sauk County Humane Society? What special skills you would like to contribute?

Most SCHS volunteer positions require a minimum six-month time commitment. Are you able to commit to at least six months?

Yes No If "No" please explain: _____

Please check the positions in which you may be interested: *Youth Volunteer 8+ can participate with parent/guardian.

_____ **Kennel Assistant:** Help with washing and drying litter pans, food dishes, laundry, and cleaning cat, dog or little critter kennels. Not glamorous work, but essential to the health and well-being of the animals. This position gets you the most animal interaction! *Requires a regular time commitment.*

_____ **Shelter Cleaning Assistant:** Help with washing and drying litter pans, food dishes, laundry, and kennels. Not glamorous work, but essential to the health and well-being of the animals. This position gets you the most animal interaction. *Requires a regular time commitment.*

* _____ **Dog Walker:** Walk dogs around the grounds and spend time supervising and playing with dogs out in one of the large play yards. **Important:** Volunteers working during hours when the shelter is open to the public will help match dogs with prospective adopters, including assisting with "meet and greets" between dogs and prospective adopters. *Dog Walkers must attend an additional training session prior to working with the dogs.*

* _____ **Cat Socializer:** Spend time socializing with cats and kittens in the Shelter. Play with cats, brush them, and record information about personalities and preferences of each animal. **Important:** Volunteers working during hours when the shelter is open to the public help match cats with prospective adopters, including assisting with "meet and greets" between cats and prospective adopters. *Cat Socializers must attend an additional training session prior to working with the animals. Because of space limitations, socializing times must be scheduled and there is a required weekly time commitment.*

_____ **Front Desk:** Help office staff by answering phones, greeting the public, performing data entry, filing, making follow-up calls, and assisting with other projects as needed. Front Desk volunteers may be eligible to train as Adoption Counselors (see below). *Requires additional training and a regular time commitment.*

_____ **Adoption Counselor:** Review adoption applications with prospective adopters to answer questions, educate, and ultimately either approve or deny applicants. ***This activity is only available to fully trained Front Desk volunteers and entails significant one-on-one training with a mentor.*** *Requires additional training and a regular time commitment.*

* _____ **Special Events:** Help raise awareness and funds at special events. Put up signs and posters, set-up/take down at events, staff tables, solicit silent auction items, and other tasks involved in a specific event.

_____ **Special Events Committee Member:** Help plan and manage a major SCHS event. You would take charge and be responsible for a subcommittee of your choice. This could be obtaining prizes, PR, decorations, food, supplies, grounds, vendors, silent auction, raffle, and many others, depending on the event.

* _____ **Fundraising Friends:** Develop, organize and facilitate your own small fundraising events. There are endless possibilities such as: bake sales, donation drives, car washes, cookout, spay-ghetti dinner, Euchre tournaments, and anything else you can come up with! Get creative, go forth and conquer! *Must inform Events Coordinator of your event in advance for approval and tips on how to make it successful.*

_____ **Animal Transport:** Transport animals, which are always crated, to and from vet clinics, rescue groups, veterinarians, and other destinations. *Valid Wisconsin driver's license and proof of insurance are required. Volunteers for this position must be 21+*

* _____ **Foster Homes:** Care for animals in your own home. This position involves opening up your home to dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens. Some animals require special care. *Separate Foster Program application and waiver must be completed in addition to meeting strict requirements. Significant additional training required. Volunteers for this position must be 21+*

_____ **Pet-Assisted Therapy:** Visit nursing homes, hospitals, or other appropriate facilities with your companion animals or suitable shelter animals. *Volunteers for this position must be 21+*

_____ **Pet Partnership:** Provide short-term, in-home care for pets while their owners recover from illness or accidents. *Volunteers for this position must be 21+*

_____ **Building/grounds maintenance:** Assist with general building and grounds maintenance, including maintaining planting beds and cleaning up grounds around the shelter in the spring and fall. Volunteers interested in building maintenance should possess fix-it skills.

* _____ **Flyer Distributor:** Help distribute flyers promoting our various events around Sauk County. On most occasions, you would distribute flyers in the town of your choice.

* _____ **Donation Box Collector:** Once a month (or less) you would go around to various location and check out donation collection boxes to see if they need to be emptied. You would make notes on each box noting how full each one was. On most occasions, you would check donation boxes in the town of your choice.

* _____ **Animal Enrichment:** Make toys, blow bubbles, make decorations, play with shelter animals, etc. to improve the quality of their care. A creative position! Research how to enrich our animals lives and go do it!

_____ **Spay/Neuter Clinic:** Help with our low cost spay-neuter clinic. We have five different spay/neuter positions (Coordinator, Assistant, Post-surgery, Recovery, Data Entry Personnel, to choose from. *Requires additional training and a regular time commitment. Volunteers for this position must be 21+*

_____ **Education Volunteer:** Go to schools or businesses around Sauk County and give educational presentations such are bite prevention, safety around pets, the importance of spaying/neutering, etc. The SCHS has materials and information for your use. *Requires additional training*

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION AGREEMENT

I certify that the statements made on this application are true and have been given voluntarily. I understand that this information may be disclosed to other parties, including for such purposes as criminal background checks, and I release Sauk County Humane Society, Inc. (SCHS) from any liability whatsoever for supplying such information. I also understand I will not be paid for my services as a volunteer. In consideration of SCHS accepting my application for participation in SCHS programs, I agree to release and hold harmless SCHS from and against any and all loss, damage, claims, liability, costs, and expenses of any nature whatsoever, including without limitation, attorney's fees and disbursements arising from or occasioned by my participation in SCHS programs. I understand the risks inherent in handling animals and I accept these risks. I agree that SCHS may photograph my participation in this program and I hereby release any such photographs to SCHS for use in its programs, publications, and purpose.

Your Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return completed application to:

Sauk County Humane Society

Attn: Volunteer Coordinator

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