

Lakeland Animal Shelter
PO Box 1000
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the Shelter



Donate your time and help save animals like Oliver

Lakeland Animal Shelter Volunteer Program



Thank you for being interested in our Volunteer Program. Our volunteers spend much needed quality time with the animals while they wait for their forever homes.

The Lakeland Animal Welfare Society houses approximately 2,500 homeless, unwanted, neglected and abused animals every year. As you can imagine much tender, loving care is needed.

Our volunteers provide a valuable service by donating their time to ensure that our animals get the best care possible while they wait for their new forever homes.

- ✿ The first step to becoming a volunteer is to read all the information about the volunteer program. Once you have decided that you have the appropriate amount of time to dedicate to the program and can meet our minimum commitment of volunteering at least twice a month for 6 months, please fill out and return the enclosed volunteer application.
- ✿ Once you turn the application in, expect an email or call from the Volunteer Coordinator within 2-4 weeks to schedule a tour. During your tour you will learn more about the shelter and individual needs for the program.

Due to the size of our shelter, we appreciate, but cannot accommodate all volunteers. Our volunteers are considered an elite group of fine individuals that want to make a difference in the lives of homeless animals. If there is an opening for the position you are applying for within the hours you are available, you will then be contacted about a tour. If we cannot use your generous gift of time, your application will remain on file for 1 year.

Age Guidelines for Volunteering

13-15 years — Must volunteer with a parent at all times

16-17 years — May volunteer independently with parental permission

18 and up — May volunteer independently

Level Requirement

Each volunteer is required to complete different levels in order to advance in the program. All volunteers again must meet a commitment of volunteering at least twice a month for 6 months.

Level 1 All volunteers will start at level 1

- This is important in that you will understand the daily tasks at the shelter. This will also give you the chance to become familiar with the facility, the staff and the daily tasks completed each day to provide proper care for each animal in our care.
- Volunteers will be doing kennel tasks such as dishes, laundry, and other cleaning.
- 13-18 years old must complete 16 hours of Level 1 tasks
- 18 years and up must complete 8 hours of Level 1 tasks.

Level 2 All Volunteers who complete Level 1 tasks may advance to Level 2.

- ✿ **Dog Walking** — additional training required. First training shift must be at least 2 hours.
- ✿ **Dog Bathing** — Prerequisite of 20 hours of Dog Walking.
- ✿ **Cat Room Monitor** — Additional training required. Must be 18.
- ✿ **Cat Room Assistant** — Additional training required. Must be accompanied by Cat Room Monitor.

Level 3 All volunteers may advance to level 3 after fully trained in Level 2.

- ✿ **Companion Animal Therapy** — Prerequisite of 20 hours of Dog Walking. Must be 18 unless with a parent.
- ✿ **Cat Socialization Therapy & Grooming** — Additional training required. Prerequisite of 40 hours of Cat Room Monitoring.
- ✿ **Bright Futures Training and Obedience** — Prerequisite of 20 hours of Dog Walking. Must be 16 or accompanied by parent.

Level 4 Volunteers may be asked to participate in Level 4 activities in addition to Level 1 through 3 commitments.

- ✿ **Community Outreach** — Must complete level 2 and 40 hours of Dog Walking.
- ✿ **Fundraising** — May be invited to participate based on availability and expressed interest.

Flexible Opportunities There are many additional opportunities available on an as needed basis including:

- ✿ Promotion of special events and Adopt-A-Thons
- ✿ Direct mailing help
- ✿ Donation Coin House pick up/drop off
- ✿ Donation Barrel Supply pick up
- ✿ Acknowledgement Letters

9Lives Boutique

9Lives is a distinctive resale boutique that is owned and operated by the Lakeland Animal Welfare Society and is located in the heart of downtown Lake Geneva. All merchandise is donated by generous individuals and businesses and is then made available for sale to the general retail audience. All profits from this endeavor support the Lakeland Animal Welfare Society including the extensive programs and services provided by the Lakeland Animal Shelter.

The Boutique is seeking volunteers for retail sales assistants. Any gentlemen interested in helping you are much needed for heavy lifting! Volunteering is twice or more a month!

