



Oshkosh Area Humane Society

Welcome,

Thank you for your interest in the Oshkosh Area Humane Society and our volunteer program. There are lots of ways you can make a difference at OAHS. Whether you are interested in volunteering hands-on with the animals here at the shelter, our Pet Therapy program, or working with the public in our Outreach program, **the first step in becoming a volunteer is to attend an orientation session.** Additional training for cats, dogs or small mammals is required to work hands-on with the animals. Orientation and behavior classes are listed below. There is no need to register for orientation; **however we recommend you arrive early.**

Volunteer Schedule for 2019

January

17th Orientation 6-7pm
24th Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm
26th Dog Class 9 am-12pm
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

February

14th Orientation 6-7pm
21st Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm
16th Dog Class 9am-12pm
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

March

21st Orientation 6-7pm
28nd Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm
30th Dog Class 9am-12pm
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

April

18th Orientation 6-7pm
25th Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm
27th Dog Class 9am-12pm
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

May

16th Orientation 6-7pm
23rd Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm
25th Dog Class 9am-12pm
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

June

20th Orientation 6-7pm
27th Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm
29th Dog Class 9am-12pm
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

July

18th Orientation 6-7pm
25th Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm
27th Dog Class 9am-12pm
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

August

15th Orientation 6-7pm
22nd Cat Class 5:30-7:00pm
24th Dog Class 9am-12pm
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

September

19th Orientation 6-7pm
20th Cat Class 5:30-7:00pm
21st Dog Class 9am-12pm.
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

October

17th Orientation 6-7pm
19th Dog Class 9am-12pm
24th Cat Class 5:30-7:00pm
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

November

14th Orientation 6-7pm
21st Cat Class 5:30-7:00pm
23rd Dog Class 9am-12pm
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

December

No Orientation

Requirements to volunteer at the shelter are as follows: be 16 years of age, be able to commit to 8 hours of service per month for a 3-month commitment to the shelter, and be able to work independently.

Volunteer applications are filled out at orientation so there is no need to register. Please arrive on time as orientation begins promptly at 6pm and we cannot always accommodate late-comers depending on attendance.

We look forward to welcoming you to our volunteer team! If you have any further questions about the volunteer program, please feel free to contact me at (920) 303-3166 or Stephanie@oahs.org

Sincerely,

Stephanie Strzalka, Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer Opportunities at OAHS

Canine Partners

Guaranteed to keep you and the dogs healthy and happy! Every dog deserves some one-on-one time with a nice person like you. Dog walkers can take dogs out for a daily walk, enjoy playtime in one of our outside runs, help relieve stress in dogs that need extra help, or just spend some nice quiet time with a dog while reading to them. Dog behavior and handling training is required.

Feline Friends

A sure fire way to put a smile on your face and reduce your stress level. Spend some time playing, brushing or relaxing with some of our felines looking for companionship and assist in helping cats be more comfortable during their stay at OAHS. Cat behavior and handling training is required.

Laundry

OAHS does on average 40 loads of laundry a day. If you enjoy the pleasure of washing, drying and putting away fresh laundry, then this is just the job for you. If you would like to volunteer as a Canine Partner or Feline Friend, laundry fits in well. Let us know if you have a friend that likes to clean windows!

Maintenance/Grounds

OAHS has over 2 acres of grounds to maintain. There is always something that needs to be done – gardening, minor building repairs, painting, cleaning, etc. Your “handy” skills are always needed somewhere at OAHS.

Pet Therapy

This is your chance to bring a bit of joy and happiness into the lives of those in local nursing homes. You may take your dog, cat or other animal to a nursing home for regularly scheduled visitations. An evaluation of your animal is required.

Foster Care

When an animal arrives at OAHS who is not quite ready for adoption, OAHS relies on the love and homes of our foster care volunteers. These volunteers open their homes to kittens/puppies who need time to grow, nursing cats/dogs, cats/dogs that need a little extra attention or a companion animal recovering from an illness or surgery. Numerous animals are given a second chance thanks to the time and love given by their foster families.

Special Events, Outreach Events, Supply Drives

OAHS is involved with many local events. We are looking for friendly-outgoing-customer service oriented people to staff information booths, answer questions about the shelter; help out at our annual Walk for the Animals and other fundraisers. If you like interacting with the public, this might just be the perfect fit for you.

Canister Banks

OAHS depends on the generosity of others. Help maintain a donation bank at a local business. Maybe you can have one at your place of employment. Ask a local business to place a canister bank in their store and collect the donations from the bank once a month.

For more information, contact Rachel at (920) 303-3166 or rachel@oahs.org