Become a CCHS Volunteer!

1. **Fill out an application on our website and attend an orientation.** Orientations for new volunteers are held monthly. You can find upcoming times on our website’s event calendar. All orientations will be held virtually until further notice. At the end of the orientation you can sign up for a volunteer tour of the shelter.

2. **Attend a volunteer tour at the shelter OR set up an interview.** Interviews are for prospective foster volunteers and medical lab volunteers. Volunteer tours are for new volunteers that are interested in helping on-site with dogs, cats, or small animals.

3. **Attend task-specific training session(s).** After the tour you’ll receive a list of training session dates and times for various volunteer positions. Sign up to attend whichever ones you’re interested in. Alternate arrangements can usually be made if the training session times we initially offer don’t work well with your schedule. At the training session you’ll work alongside an experienced staff member or volunteer.

4. **Volunteer!** Volunteers make their own schedule by signing up for shifts on our website or on the touch screen at the shelter. We hope to see you at the shelter frequently, as we need your help to give the animals the best care possible!
Volunteer Positions

There are many different ways that volunteers help the animals at CCHS. This brochure contains brief descriptions of some of the most popular volunteer positions. We hope to match new volunteers with duties that suit their individual skills and interests. If you have an idea for a way to help that isn’t listed, please contact sarahc@cuhumane.org.

Once you’ve attended task-specific training, we ask that you commit to at least 3 hours of service per week for at least 4 months (an equivalent amount of service is also acceptable).

Adoption Counselor

Experienced volunteers work at the CCHS front desk to speak with potential adopters and help make great matches!

Shifts: M-F 2-5 11-2 11-2 5-7 2-5 2-5

Kennel Assistant

Cat Kennel Assistants & Small Animal Kennel Assistants help ensure that the animals at CCHS have a clean environment to live in. Kennel Assistants also get to feed the animals.

Shifts:
8:30–11am

Dog Socialization

Dog Socialization Volunteers spend time with the dogs outside their kennels. An emphasis is put on force free training to teach the dogs to behave politely. There are two skill levels that volunteers may progress through in this program.

Prerequisite: A minimum of 4 shifts as a Cat Kennel Assistant

Shifts:
M, W, Th, F: Anytime 8:30am—7pm
T, Sat, Sun: Anytime 8:30am — 5pm

Small Animal Socialization

Small Animal Socialization Volunteers spend time with the small pets (such as rabbits & guinea pigs) outside of their kennels. Emphasis is put on giving the critters a positive association with handling.

Prerequisite: A minimum of 4 shifts as a Small Animal Kennel Assistant

Shifts:
M, W, Th, F: Anytime 8:30am—7pm

Cat Socialization

Cat Socialization Volunteers spend time with the cats outside their kennels. Grooming, exercise, affection, enrichment, and clicker training are all tasks cat socialization volunteers help us with.

Prerequisite:
A minimum of 4 shifts as a Cat Kennel Assistant

Shifts:
M, W, Th, F: Anytime 8:30am—7pm
T, Sat, Sun: Anytime 8:30am — 5pm

Medical Lab

Medical Lab Volunteers help maintain the heath of our animal population by performing a variety of duties including treatments and exams. There is typically a wait list to volunteer in the medical lab as it is a very popular volunteer position.

Shifts: 8-12, 12-4:30

Special Events

Special Events Volunteers represent CCHS at off-site events on an as-needed basis. We have annual events such as our dinner auction (known as The Fur Ball), the Mutt Strut, and Pawtraits with Santa. Smaller fundraisers and adoptions events occur throughout the year. We need a lot of volunteer help to ensure the success of these events.

For those under 18 years old please contact sarahc@cuhumane.org for more information.

Fostering

Foster Volunteers provide a temporary home for animals who need a little extra attention. Since you will be volunteering from your home, there are no specific shifts required for this program.

Fostering Volunteers must be 18+ years old

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