

How to become a CCHS youth volunteer!

Attend an Orientation.

Orientalions are held monthly and you can find more info, including time and location, on the website calendar. During the orientation you will learn about the Humane Society and ways you can help the organization. To register for an upcoming orientation, please send your name and age to:

2.volunteer@cuhumane.org

Sign up for scheduled shifts.

At the end of orientation you'll sign up for scheduled shifts to come to the shelter and help provide clean blankets and toys for the residents.

New volunteer are encouraged to commit to two shifts per month for a minimum of four months.

Volunteer!

Show up for your scheduled shift and make a difference!



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Youth Volunteer Programs at CCHS

There are many different ways in which volunteers help the animals at Champaign County Humane Society. The first step to becoming a youth volunteer is to attend a youth orientation.

Upon completion of orientation, all youth volunteers will start out as a youth kennel assistant and then overtime can be trained in the other volunteer programs listed. Youth volunteers can perform basic cleaning tasks and help provide clean blankets and toys for all CCHS animals!

Shifts are flexible but volunteers should expect to commit to two shifts per month for at least 4 months of volunteering. This pamphlet contains brief descriptions of ongoing volunteer projects.

Volunteers ages 10-14 must be accompanied by an adult mentor at all times while volunteering. Only trained adult volunteers (18+) are allowed to walk dogs

Youth Kennel Assistant

All youth volunteers will begin volunteering in this area and can help the shelter with miscellaneous cleaning tasks. After completing 15 - 20 hours of volunteering, youth volunteers are eligible to attend a training sessions to become an animal socializer.

Cat Socializer

Cat socializers help provide stimulation and socialization through positive interactions with the cats up for adoption at CCHS. Prerequisite: Successful completion of 15 -20 hours as a youth kennel assistant.
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Small Animal Socializer

Small animal socializers help provide stimulation to the small animals up for adoption at CCHS to help increase adoptability. Prerequisite: Successful completion of 15-20 hours as a youth kennel assistant.

Special Events

Special events volunteers represent CCHS at most off-site events. These events help to bring awareness to CCHS as an organization which in turn helps our animals find forever homes. These events are also excellent opportunities to educate the public about humane treatment of animals.

Due to the unpredictable nature in scheduling events, Special Events Volunteers work on an "as needed" basis. Youth volunteers at special events must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Fostering

Fosters provide a temporary home for animals who need a little extra TLC. Since you will be volunteering from your home, there are no specific shifts required for this program. Parents must commit to the fostering requirements (further discussed at orientation) but youth volunteers can help care for foster animals in their home.



Art Department

Art department volunteers help to make the Humane Society a beautiful place which encourages adoptions! Homemade cat toys, bandannas, decorating cage cards or crocheting cat nip toys are just some of the ideas for art department volunteers.