



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Age Requirement: Volunteers must be 18 years old to volunteer independently.

Volunteers ages 14 to 17 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

LEVEL 1 VOLUNTEERS

Level 1 Volunteers assist staff with non-animal related tasks such as laundry, cleaning food/water bowls, washing litter pans, organizing storage closets and supply cabinets, straightening food pantry, cleaning crates, putting away donations, prepping enrichment items, scooping fields, cleaning glass and assisting with unloading/keeping our van empty. We also need seasonal support such as planting and watering seasonal flowers and decorating the reception area for various holidays.

Requirements: Complete General Orientation.

* GROUP VOLUNTEERS

Would your workplace, Girl Scout Troop, or Cub Scout Den be interested in having a service day at DHA? We are happy to have groups come in to help us with big projects that might include landscaping, general cleaning and special events. Let us know if your employer or group is interested and we can set up a date.

L1: COMMUNITY OUTREACH VOLUNTEER

DHA is invited to various events that offer the opportunity to set up our information table and build awareness about who we are. Through these opportunities, Community Outreach Volunteers educate the public about DHA's mission, the adoption process, and the services we provide to the community. Other responsibilities may include assisting with presentations to students, scout troops, corporate groups, and/or hosting various types of celebrations (e.g. birthday parties, retirement parties, baby showers, etc) at DHA.

Requirements: Complete General Orientation.

L1: FOSTER CARE/AMBASSADOR VOLUNTEER

Foster Care Volunteers provide temporary care for animals too young for adoption (and in some cases their mothers), as well as sick, injured, or under-socialized animals, until they can be safely returned to DHA for adoption. Duties may include administering medication, bottle feeding, bathing, etc.

Foster Ambassador Volunteers perform the duties of a foster care volunteer, but will also work on finding the animal a permanent home. They will do this by showing them what it's like to be in a home, providing training, taking the dog out into the community/to our events and promoting them on social media and through various forms of networking.

Requirements: Complete Foster Care application (delawarehumane.org/foster), which is subject to approval. DHA will provide supplies and support to ensure a smooth transition into the foster home.

L1: TRANSPORT VOLUNTEER

Transport volunteers will assist DHA with its frequent transporting needs. Responsibilities include taking cats to and from our satellite adoption centers, picking up donated items from local

stores, taking animals to and from our vet partners for appointments and bringing our adoptable animals and supplies back and forth from adoption events.

Requirements: Must be 21 years old and have a valid driver's license.

L1: SATELLITE ADOPTION CENTER VOLUNTEER

DHA maintains a satellite adoption center for felines at PetSmart located in the Brandywine Town Center in North Wilmington. Volunteers are needed seven days a week to clean and maintain cat cages, socialize the cats available for adoption and answer questions from the public about the cats.

Requirements: Complete Satellite Adoption Center training.

LEVEL 2 VOLUNTEER

Any volunteer interested in the following must have completed and logged 8 hours as a Level 1 volunteer before moving to any Level 2 opportunities.

L2: FELINE CARETAKER/SOCIALIZER

Cat caretakers assist staff with feeding and cleaning the feline adoption area. Responsibilities include laundry, washing & sterilizing food/water bowls and litter pans and cleaning free roaming rooms/towers. Socializers cuddle, groom, play with and give affection to cats during their stay on our adoption side.

Requirements: Complete Level 2 cattery training.

L2: CANINE CARETAKER/HANDLER

Dog caretakers assist staff with feeding and cleaning the canine adoption and intake areas. After completing dog handling training, dog handlers exercise and socialize our adoptable dogs, helping to promote consistency by teaching our dogs proper leash behavior.

Requirements: Complete Level 2 dog handling training.

L2: ADOPTION EVENT VOLUNTEER

DHA regularly holds off-site adoption events where we need dog handlers and information table volunteers. There are events where dog handlers are typically asked to transport the dogs and/or event materials to and from the event. Volunteers need to be comfortable talking about our adoptable animals and speaking to the public about DHA.

Requirements: Complete Level 2 dog handling training.

L2: MEDICAL VOLUNTEER

Medical Volunteers will assist staff with cleaning cages, doing medical laundry, cleaning and wrapping surgical tools, helping animals recover from surgery, and overall deep cleaning.

Requirements: Complete Medical Volunteer training.

L2: VACCINATION CLINIC VOLUNTEER

DHA sponsors vaccination and micro chipping clinics onsite at DHA throughout the year. At these clinics, we need volunteers that can set up and clean up, assist with customer service, process paperwork and help with line control.

Requirements: Complete Vaccination Clinic training.

LEVEL 3 VOLUNTEER

Any volunteer interested in the following must email our Dog Department Manager or Cat Department Manager (see page 2 for contact info).

L3: FELINE FRIEND MAKER

Feline Friend Makers will assist staff with engaging public and making a match between our customers and adoptable cats in the feline adoption and intake areas. Our greatest need is during high visitation hours which are generally Tuesday through Friday 4pm to 7pm and Saturday and Sunday 12pm to 5pm. We are looking for volunteers that want to learn the cats' personalities on both our adoption side and intake side, educate themselves about the adoption process, practice enrichment activities, proactively go about fact finding when the public has a question and bring cats into the meet and greet rooms when needed.

Requirements: Complete Level 2 & 3 cattery trainings.

L3: CANINE FRIEND MAKER

Canine Friend Makers will assist staff with engaging public and making a match between our customers and adoptable dogs in the canine adoption and intake areas. Our greatest need is during high visitation hours which are generally Tuesday through Friday 4pm to 7pm and Saturday and Sunday 12pm to 5pm. We are looking for volunteers that want to learn the dogs' personalities, educate themselves about the adoption process, practice enrichment activities, proactively go about fact finding when the public has a question and bring dogs into the meet and greet rooms when needed. We would also look to canine friend makers to train other friend makers.

Requirements: Complete Level 2 & 3 dog handling trainings.

L3: CANINE ADVENTURER

Canine Adventurers will take dogs on outings during designated days/times to expose them to real world situations such as: car rides, trips to pet-friendly stores, walks/hikes on trails, and more. We are looking for volunteers that want to learn the dogs' personalities, become advocates for their best traits, help them improve their sociability, and show them what the world has to offer.

Requirements: Complete Level 2 & 3 dog handling trainings.

LEVEL 4 VOLUNTEER

Any volunteer interested in the following must email our Dog Department Manager or Cat Department Manager (see page 2 for contact info).

L4: ADVANCED FELINE ASSISTANT

Advanced Feline Assistants will assist staff in higher level enrichment activities (TBA), along with previous level duties.

Requirements: Complete Level 2, 3 & 4 cattery trainings.

L4: ADVANCED CANINE ASSISTANT

Advanced Canine Assistants will assist staff in creating playgroups, practice other higher level enrichment activities, along with previous level duties. This level includes dog sleepovers.

Requirements: Complete Level 2, 3 & 4 dog handling trainings.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Any volunteer interested in the following must email the listed contacts (once updated).

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Special Events Committee Volunteers assist with brainstorming, planning and organizing DHA's major fundraisers through the year.

Requirements: Contact to be updated.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

Marketing Committee Volunteers assist with brainstorming, planning and executing DHA's marketing efforts.

Requirements: Contact to be updated.

ONE HEALTH INITIATIVE

One Health Volunteers assist with various tasks at One Health Clinics held the first Saturday of every month. We are looking for volunteers to help set up, clean up, greet clients, help with paperwork and more. Volunteers with a veterinary background are also welcome.

For more information: delawarehumane.org/onehealth

ARE YOU A STUDENT/SCOUT OR HAVE KIDS THAT WANT TO HELP?

If you are a student or a scout and are looking for ways to help Delaware Humane Association, but need some ideas, we are here to help!

ORGANIZE A DONATION DRIVE

DHA is always in need of various supplies in the shelter, as well as items for our Food Pantry. Organizers can request items directly from our wish list (delawarehumane.org/wish-list) or a variety of food/litter can be collected to help families in need with pets.

ORGANIZE A FUNDRAISER

Raising funds for Delaware Humane can be fun and easy! Options include: baking and selling dog/cat biscuits, holding a bake sale or lemonade stand, organize a car wash, hold a spirit day, hold a penny or coin drive. No amount raised is too small!