



Paws for Compassion Volunteer Requirements

Thank you for your interest! From in-center to at-home foster care, volunteers support every facet of our work. Together, we're creating a more compassionate world for animals.

Age Requirement

Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. If you're younger than 16, there are other ways to get involved, please ask us how!

Recruitment

- Volunteers must read and comprehend detailed policy and protocol information and remember and follow the center rules.
- Volunteers must understand and fulfill all responsibilities of their role independently.

Time Commitment

- PAWS requires a two month commitment to volunteering. This commitment ensures that the program will operate smoothly and that maximum benefit is provided to the animals.
- If you are only able to commit 1 month of your time, you are required to volunteer at least 6 hours a week on 2 or more shifts.
- In-center opportunities require a minimum of 1.5 to 3 hours on regularly scheduled, recurring shifts.
- Shifts are 1-4 hours depending on the assignment or number of days scheduled.
- Shifts are filled Monday to Sunday for the Dog House and Cat House from 8:00am - 7:00pm.

Dog House: Shifts are available in 4 time slots: 7.30-9:00am (am feeding), 9:00am-12pm (morning volunteer shift), 12:00-3:00pm (afternoon volunteer shift), 5:30-7:00pm (pm feeding shift).

Cat House: Shifts are filled Monday to Sunday for the Cat House from 9:00am - 6:00pm. Shifts are available in two broad times: morning (9:00am - 12:00am) and afternoon (1:00pm - 6:00pm).

Volunteering Opportunities

Animals

- Dog and cat love and care
- Dog walks
- Animal baths and therapy
- Household duties at the cat/dog house
- Temporary foster homes for new animals
- Community education - visit sick animals and talk to owners

Maintenance

- Garden work
- Painting
- DIY projects

Programs

- Teaching about animal welfare
- Sterilisation

Fundraising

- Grant writing
- Marketing
- Donation collecting and sourcing new places to have our donation boxes

Events / Programs

- Event planning
- Solicit sponsors and prizes
- Distribute flyers
- Representing PAWS at events & markets

Photography & Videography

- Taking pictures and videos at events
- Photography of our animals
- Videos showing our work, rescues, progress of animal health

Volunteer Safety

Please note that we recommend that all volunteers obtain pre-exposure vaccinations for rabies. The vast majority of animals you will interact with are vaccinated against rabies, however, we suggest that volunteers obtain pre-exposure vaccinations as a precaution. If you are bitten or scratched, post-exposure vaccines are much more costly if you have not obtained pre-exposure shots. Please note that volunteers are responsible for acquiring the correct pre- and post-exposure vaccinations. PFC can recommend where to get the vaccines.