

Feline Sanctuary Volunteer

Job Description



Purpose: To provide companionship and care to the sanctuary cats through socializing, interactive play, caregiving and cleaning, grooming and cuddling. These important interactions allow our cats to gain socialization and behavioral skills and comfort while at the sanctuary awaiting their new homes.

Supervisor: Christine Penney

Qualifications: All volunteers must meet the cognitive and physical requirements to safely perform their tasks, work completely independently, follow verbal and written instructions, and effectively communicate with staff, other volunteers, and the public.

Physical requirements:

- Ability to tolerate cat fur, dander, scratches, bites
- Ability to be exposed to possible zoonotic diseases
- Ability to move quickly when entering and exiting a room
- Ability to walk up and down stairs

Training requirements:

- Must be able to read and fully understand instructions and follow directions at all times
- Must be able to understand and work with various types of cats including cats with illness and/or aggression
- Ability to follow and respect safety protocols for scared or aggressive cats
- Ability to communicate with volunteer manager via email/phone when necessary
- Must have access to email

Duties and responsibilities:

- Socialization with the cats which includes interactive play, petting, brushing, sitting and cuddling
- Scoop litter boxes when necessary and dispose of wastes in outdoor garbage cans
- Assist staff in duties such as medicating cats, unpacking inventory, folding laundry
- Keep record of cat activities and any unusual medical behavior via journal entry, cat behavior sheets and medical forms

Location of the job: Ashford Sanctuary

Time commitment: Requires at least one visit per month; weekly visits preferred

Dress code required:

No open toed shoes, sandals or high heels. Must wear sturdy shoes that are not easily removed from feet. Tread must be non-slip. No shorts-Long pants only. No dangling jewelry
Be aware that any clothes you wear run the risk of being damaged.
Do not wear your best clothes to your volunteer shift at the sanctuary