

Under 16 Volunteer Opps

Teens Helping Pets, 12-18 year olds **1st & 3rd Sunday, 4-5:30pm: Year Round**

Teens Helping Pets is a group run by teens from 12-18 years old. They meet twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. The group brainstorms at their meetings for ideas to raise awareness for the shelter and plans fundraising events. THP also creates informational signs and brochures, builds parade floats, holds bake sales, dog washes, tournaments and other fundraisers.

THP also attends local fairs and events to promote our shelter animals and provide information on responsible pet ownership to the community.

THP allows teens who care about animals to share their passion with other teens and make a difference in the lives of homeless animals in our community.

Kids 4 Paws, 6-11 year olds **3rd Sunday, 1:30pm: September-May** **Meet other kids like YOU!**

Kids 4 Paws is a group formed by two kids just like you! These sisters love animals and wanted to help the shelter, so they started having fundraisers and wish list drives!

Kids 4 Paws is always looking for new members! It is free to participate! Each month a special guest visits to talk about their job working with animals or working to make animals lives better! Then any kids who have done a fundraiser for the month can present the items or donations to the shelter. We wrap things up with a craft.

Adult supervision required.

How can I help if I can't join the regular volunteer program?

- Attend LHS events, like Steps For Pets and Santa Photo Day, and bring your friends!
- Arrange a drive at your office or school to collect much needed wish list items
- Hold a fundraiser for the shelter at a local restaurant or bar and donate the cover charge
- Hold a bake sale, lemonade stand or concert
- Contact LHS to bring your class, scout group or club for a special tour of the shelter

Did You Know...

- **The Lowell Humane Society was founded in 1873**
 - **We care for approximately 3,000 animals every year**
 - **Black cats and dogs and adult animals are less likely to be adopted than others**
 - **It costs approximately \$1,500 PER DAY to keep the shelter in operation**
 - **We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which relies on donations and fundraising to operate**
- We receive NO state or federal funding
- **You can call to schedule a shelter tour for your classroom, Scout group, club or other group**
 - **You can call to have a shelter staff member visit your school**

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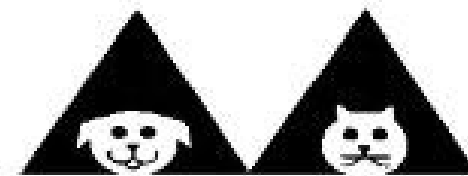
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THE LOWELL HUMANE SOCIETY

Volunteer Program



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



The Lowell Humane Society

Serving Homeless Animals of The Merrimack Valley Since 1873

LHS is a private, non-profit organization that receives no state or federal funding. Relying solely on the generous donations of the community, The Lowell Humane Society serves almost 3,000 animals each year.



Volunteer Opportunities!

AM Volunteers: 8am-noon

Mornings at the shelter are spent feeding, cleaning and getting the animals prepared for meeting prospective adopters.

Volunteers during this time assist with everything from walking dogs, feeding cats and small animals, providing animals with bedding and toys, cleaning cages, and preparing the public areas of the shelter for opening.

PM Volunteers: noon-4pm (6pm on Thursdays)

Once the morning chores are complete; volunteers spend their time keeping the shelter in order, socializing the dogs, cats and small animals, folding laundry, doing dishes, photographing animals for our website and assisting potential adopters in choosing the right pet for their lifestyle.

Street Team Volunteers

LHS continues to expand on our public outreach and events program. We hold various fundraisers throughout the year, from Steps For Pets, our dog walk fundraiser in October, to our annual Santa Photo Day in December, we always need volunteers to help make each one a success.

LHS is also often invited to host informational booths at events throughout the community. Volunteers help us to spread the word about our shelter programs and recruit more volunteers and adopters.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

Photography/Petfinder

Take photos of our animals available for adoption and post them to Petfinder. We always have a new group of animals coming in who need to be posted in order to find their forever homes. Some basic knowledge of photo editing/computers required.

Animal Advocates

Spend time getting to know the animals available for adoption and assist adopters in choosing the right animal to join their family. Assist potential adopters in finding and completing adoption applications.

Lawn/ Groundskeeping

Help keep the shelter grounds in order by mowing the lawn, shoveling our walkways and raking leaves

Animal Transport

Without a vet on staff, we utilize various clinics to spay and neuter our animals. Transport volunteers will pick animals up from our shelter and transport them to vet appointments/or pick them up from appointments to bring them back to the shelter. Transport volunteers must use their own vehicle and have the ability to safely fit 7-10 cat carriers for transport.

Foster Care

Our foster homes provide temporary care for animals who need socialization, medial treatment or rest after surgery or illness. We also utilize foster homes for nursing litters of kittens or kittens without mothers who need time to grow.

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Requirements



- Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age before their start date
- Volunteers must be willing and able to meet our minimum service requirement of one shift per week, 2-4 hours in length, for 6 months
- Volunteers must complete an hour long general orientation and duty specific trainings as required
- Complete 2-3 mentored volunteer sessions of core skills check list

Above Requirements are for In House Volunteer Program. Special Events and Kids Program Volunteers are not included in these restrictions.



How To Get Started

- Complete a volunteer application
- RSVP & Attend a volunteer orientation
- Choose shift and schedule your mentoring session with Volunteer Coordinator
- Complete any additional trainings necessary (dog walking basics, street team training, etc)