

Special Events

Objective:

- Provide support at various special events hosted by CHS and others.

Locations/Hours of Operation:

- Varies

Qualifications:

- **Age:** Must be at least 13 years old with a parent/guardian at all times
- **Characteristics:** Work well with people and animals, strong communication skills, must be able to take direction from staff regarding shelter protocols
- Reliable transportation
- **Minimum Time Commitment:** No minimum time commitment however volunteers who do assist with an event for 8 months may be asked to attend orientation again

Role specific duties

- Represent CHS and answer questions about various programs
- Manage CHS booth and informational material
- Set up/tear down of booth
- Transport/handle adoptable animals attending events

CHS volunteer expectations:

- *"Help where help is needed"* -The shelter is a hectic & unpredictable environment with limited resources. We ask that our volunteers are flexible & willing to occasionally pitch in with core shelter functions, even if those are outside their specific job description (laundry, dishes, etc.)
- *"Be an advocate in all things"* - Our volunteers are highly trained, respected, & trusted pieces to the CHS puzzle. We empower our volunteers to use their unique voice to communicate concerns, share observations, ask questions, suggest ideas, etc.! As a non-profit, it is especially important that our volunteers understand that being a successful (& satisfied) shelter advocate...aka "volunteer"...requires patience, curiosity, & creativity. In Animal Welfare, there are significant limitations to navigate, some of which are very obvious & others which are more abstract (& often harder to change). Put simply...we depend on volunteers to help us innovate & progress as a field/organization & we trust them to do so without taking personal offense or getting discouraged when/if that process is littered with roadblocks.
- *"Speak & act with compassion & respect, always"* - Our work is centered around the fundamental belief that pets AND people deserve to experience love & companionship. This belief directly influences the way we treat the people/animals we encounter during our work but also the way we speak about them AND the way we think about them. CHS volunteers share this important belief & allow it to be their "North Star".

Training: 1.5 total hours to complete onboarding

(Red= mandatory, green= optional)

- **"Welcome to CHS" Group Orientation**-1.5 hr|occurs 2x month| provides info on CHS programs, culture, history, operations, intro to Animal Welfare, socially conscious sheltering, tour of ppac, meet vols, meet staff|