



VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers play many vital roles at PAWS. Some activities require “hands-on” experience with the animals entrusted to our care, while others involve the many support functions behind the scenes. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age in order to work directly with the animals; however we do have off-site volunteer opportunities for those under 18.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Lisa DiDonato, Volunteer Coordinator at (203) 750-9572 x103 or via email to lisad@pawsct.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Animal Care/Socialization:** Volunteers will assist in the socialization of animals. This involves exercising and playing with the animals to help make them fine companions. Volunteers will also assist with the feeding and cleaning of the animals.
“Cat Volunteers” - These volunteers help with the socialization process of our cats at PAWS as well as assisting with cleaning and feeding.
“Dog Walkers” - Our dog walkers are trained to help socialize our dogs while providing them with adequate daily exercise.
- **Adoption Counselor:** The purpose of an adoption counselor is to make sure the potential adopters will be good owners and that animals they select will be compatible with their home situations.
- **Fundraising:** Volunteers play an essential role in ensuring that we have the necessary funds to remain in operation. Fundraising events are held off-site on a regular basis. Fundraising efforts are organized by staff and volunteers.
- **Office Administration:** Volunteers may assist with photocopying materials, data entry, filing, distribution of phone messages; follow up phone calls, as well as front desk receptionist duties.
- **Foster Cats or kittens:** The PAWS foster program allows volunteers to temporarily care for PAWS cats and/or kittens in their homes until they are ready for permanent placement. There are four areas of foster care: 1. infant kittens who may need bottle feeding, 2. Self-sufficient underage kittens, 3. Nursing mother and litter, 3. Cats in need of lengthy treatment and/or recovery.