



LARIMER HUMANESOCIETY

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## Animal Care Volunteer Program

### ***Animal Care Commitment:***

Animal Care Volunteers must be able commit to a minimum of 2 hours per week for a minimum of six months. Volunteers age 10-15 years of age may join our Partner-Up Program with a parent or adult relative (who is 18 or older).

### ***Supervision:***

Report to and check in as necessary with the Animal Care Supervisors or Animal Care Lead.

### ***Working Conditions:***

All volunteer work will be performed in the animal shelter setting. There is a potential for exposure to zoonotic diseases and cleaning chemicals, exposure to dangerous and fractious animals, exposure to high noise levels when in kennel area, and a potential for animal bites and scratches while handling animals

### ***Physical Activities:***

Lifting of up to 50 pounds unassisted; Kneeling; Squatting; Bending; Cleaning kennels (scrubbing and mopping); Walking dogs on a leash; Handling animals of all temperaments; Animal restraint

### ***Training:***

- Attend a Volunteer Orientation
- Interview with an Animal Care Supervisor and/or Animal Care Lead
- Attend Volunteer Animal Training (VAT)
- Attend Animal Care Training
- Attend continual on the job training provided by Larimer Humane Society staff and experienced volunteers

### ***Animal Care Volunteer Benefits:***

- Animals, animals, and more animals
- Opportunity to care for a variety of types, ages, and breeds of animals
- Recognizing signs of illness and injury in animals
- Understanding fomite and disease transmission in a shelter environment

## **Animal Care Volunteer Description**

### ***Duties:***

- Properly handles small mammals and cleans small mammal areas (includes, but not limited to rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, mice, hamsters and ferrets, snakes, reptiles)
- Provides care for stray, adoptable and owner-surrendered cats. This includes feeding, filling out daily logs, spot cleaning cages, assessing basic feline health, and knowing when to inform Animal Care staff of an animal's health status behavior
- Provides care for adoptable dogs (including cleaning adoptable dog kennels)
- Distribute toys, beds, and treats during normal Animal Care Volunteer cleaning and care duties
- Provides essential care to all animals with whom contact is made (cleaning up messes, refilling water, and providing clean bedding when needed)—if requested by Animal Care Department supervisor or lead.
- Clearly understands Larimer Humane Society cleaning protocols and applies our detergent and disinfectant process when cleaning dishes, laundry and crates
- Clearly understands the use of personal protective equipment [(PPE) - why, when, and how it is used] and the nature of fomite and disease transmission in a shelter environment

***Dress Code:***

- Green volunteer t-shirt
- Closed-toe shoes
- Pants
- Please note that you will be handling cleaning chemicals and animals so be aware that clothing may get dirty.