C.A.R.E. Plans Volunteer Fair

Visit C.A.R.E.'s Adoption Center at 4927 Main St., Skokie, on Sunday, July 22, from 11 am to 2 pm, to learn about volunteer opportunities with dogs, cats and more.

June 30, 2018/ SKOKIE, IL – Calling all pet-loving people who want to give back! C.A.R.E.'s beautiful new Adoption Center is opening soon in Skokie. The C.A.R.E. Volunteer Fair, slated for Sunday, July 22, from 11 am to 2 pm, at 4927 Main St., Skokie, will be your chance to visit the shelter and see how you can play a role.

C.A.R.E. is recruiting dedicated, reliable volunteers to feed, clean and socialize C.A.R.E. cats and dogs. We are also seeking people for general support roles – greeting, counseling, gardening, fundraising, event planning, publicity and more. Young animal-lovers aged 12-15 are welcome to volunteer with a parent. People age 16 and over can volunteer on their own. Fill out an application online at CAREnorthshore.org/volunteer-application. Please note that C.A.R.E. is 100% volunteer-operated.

C.A.R.E. Volunteer Opportunities

Available weekly shifts include dog care, cat care, front desk, adoption counseling, and landscaping & building upkeep.

Dog Care: Assist with caring for, exercising and socializing our resident C.A.R.E. dogs. The fun work includes feeding, walking dogs, and socializing them by playing, training or grooming them. The dirty work includes cleaning kennels, laundry, washing dishes, sweeping/mopping, and, yes, scooping poop. Training to become a dog care volunteer takes approximately three sessions. You will learn about dog body language, the proper way to enter and exit the kennels, how to move through the kennel, how to leash the dogs up, and so much more. Dog care volunteers commit to a three-hour shift once a week: 9 a.m.-noon or 6-9 p.m.

Cat Care: Assist with caring for and socializing resident C.A.R.E. cats. Socialize with resident cats by grooming, petting, loving, talking to them and play/exercise. You will also be feeding, cleaning cages and ‘catios’, cleaning litter boxes, laundry, washing dishes, sweeping and mopping. Cat care training generally takes two sessions of shadowing one of our experienced volunteers so you can learn how to care for our cats. Cat care volunteers commit to a three-hour shift once a week: 9 a.m.-noon or 6-9 p.m.

Welcome/Reception Desk Representatives: Volunteers working C.A.R.E.’s ‘front desk’ will provide general Adoption Center information, field questions, and show visitors around. Also: help with paperwork, filing and other administrative tasks as needed. Volunteers commit to a three-hour shift once a week. Several training sessions are needed.

Adoption Counselors: Adoption Counselors roles are to introduce potential adopters to our animals, answer calls about available animals, interview potential adopters, and assist with applications. Also: help with paperwork, filing and other administrative tasks as needed. Volunteers commit to a three-hour shift once a week. Several training sessions are needed.

Landscaping / Building Support: If you're a handyman or love gardening, you can work on projects that enhance and maintain the C.A.R.E. Adoption Center both inside and outside. For more information, email news@carenorthshore.org and reference Landscaping/Building Volunteer.

ABOUT C.A.R.E. --- Community Animal Rescue Effort is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) animal rescue organization founded in 1987. In June 2018, C.A.R.E. will be opening a 10,000 sq. ft. Adoption Center at 4927 Main St., Skokie. C.A.R.E.’s mission is to place companion pets into safe, healthy, lifelong homes; serve as an educational and counseling resource; and work to reduce pet overpopulation. CAREnorthshore.org