VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE COULEE REGION HUMANE SOCIETY

Volunteers hold such high importance here at CRHS. Their help with cleaning and socialization keeps our animals less stressed, more adoptable, and overall happier. Without our volunteers we couldn’t do nearly half of what we do. Because of this we are looking for individuals who will be comfortable and confident in completing the work as expected, as well as those who are willing to be as consistent and committed to regular shifts as possible.

To become a volunteer at CRHS you must fill out an application. The Volunteer Coordinator will process it and, as long as it is approved, will send you an invite to the next available orientation(s) of the section(s) you would like to volunteer in. You must attend an orientation for each of the sections you want to volunteer in. The volunteer fee is a one-time payment. We have several shifts in each area that need to be filled every day, throughout the day. Shifts are 2 hours long, and sign-up is required to be done via an online calendar, through Volgistics, the volunteer portal.

Volunteers between 12-15 years old must volunteer with a parent or guardian who has also gone through the application and orientation process, with the parent/guardian doing the work, and the child watching or helping. Those between the ages of 16-17 years may volunteer on their own, as long as a parent/guardian signs a waiver.

VOLUNTEERING WITH CATS:
- **CAT ADOPT:** This is the first training you get for cats, and the main area to volunteer in. Volunteers will spot clean kennels, make sure each cat has fresh water, and is given proper socialization and play time.

- **CAT INTAKE/ISOLATION:** Once you have completed at least 16 hours of volunteering in Cat Adopt, and are at least 16 years of age and volunteering on your own, you may ask the V.C. to be trained in this area. The cats in these two rooms have either just arrived at the shelter, or they are suffering from an Upper Respiratory Infection.

VOLUNTEERING WITH DOGS:
- **DOG ADOPT:** This is the first training you get for dogs, and the main area to volunteer in. Volunteers will spot clean kennels, make sure each dog has fresh water, and is given proper socialization and play time.

- **DOG MORNING KENNEL ASSISTANT:** During this shift all of the dogs are let out at once for thorough sanitization of the kennels, and to give them all exercise and socialization after being in their kennels all night. As this shift can be quite hectic, we ask that you have had 3-4 dog adopt shifts to make sure you are comfortable and knowledgeable.

- **DOG WALKING:** Once you have completed at least 16 hours of volunteering in Dog Adopt, and are at least 18 years of age, you may ask the V.C. to be trained to walk dogs around and nearby off of the premises.
**VOLUNTEERING WITH SMALL ANIMALS:** We have many different small animals that come through our doors, with the most common being rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, birds, hamsters and gerbils. Through orientation you will learn proper handling and socialization of each, and during your shift you will take them out of their cages and socialize with them in pens, as well as keeping an eye on their water and cage cleanliness.

**DISHES AND LAUNDRY:** In hopes of giving each of our animals the cleanest and most comfortable environment, and due to the amount of animals we have, we go through an average of 40 loads of laundry every day. Since it is so important to care for each of our furry friends the best that we can, it is also important to keep up with all of the dishes and laundry, and often times we don’t have enough staff to keep up with this throughout each day.

**GROUNDSKEEPING:** In an effort to keep our shelter beautiful both inside and out, we often need help with lawn mowing, weed-whacking, tending to the garden, shoveling, and taking cans in for recycling.

**EVENTS:** We have several events throughout the year where we need volunteers. From serving meals at our Spayghetti Dinner to selling raffle tickets at our Sip to Save: Beer and Wine tasting event, to taking dogs to PetSmart for adoption days, there are many events and fundraisers off-site that we need help with.

No matter where you choose to help, thank you. It does not go unnoticed. Even the most seemingly small task still helps save lives.

“Saving one animal won’t change the world, but it will change the world for that one animal”