

The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County
VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

VOLUNTEER POSITION TITLE: Rabbit Enrichment Specialist
DEPARTMENT: Small Animals (SMAMs)
REPORTS TO: Animal Care Lead, Volunteer Manager
LOCATION: 2608 Center St Tacoma WA 98409
RESTRICTIONS: Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age
HOURS: Multiple shifts available business days from 11:30AM to 5:30PM

VOLUNTEER POSITION SUMMARY: Rabbit Enrichment Specialists take rabbits outside of their cubbies and provide socialization and basic care enrichment. Under the direction of the Animal Care Lead, this position helps ensure that the rabbits are given proper socialization and time outside of their cubbies to stretch their legs.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES & FUNCTIONS :

- Under the direction of the Animal Care Lead, works with the rabbit population to ensure rabbits receive a minimum of 30 minutes outside of their cubbies.
- Handles shelter rabbits using humane handling techniques.
- Ensures the rabbit returns to a clean cubby.
- Monitors rabbits while away from their cubby and reports any medical or behavioral concerns to the Animal Care Lead.
- Brings forward any safety concerns to the Animal Care Lead.
- Maintains full knowledge of THS rabbit handling practices and procedures.
- Serve as a model for humane treatment of shelter animals to clients, volunteers and co-workers while actively promoting the Humane Society's mission.
- Performs other duties as assigned.
- Please note that this position requires interaction with animals that have been evaluated by our staff at intake. Animals may have varied health, temperament, and/or appearance.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

To perform this position successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty well. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Ability to work with shelter animals.
- Strong animal handling skills.
- Outgoing, polite and professional manner.
- Team player, able to multi-task and communicate effectively.
- This position requires volunteers to actively engage with shelter rabbits and have full responsibility over them while outside of their cubby.
- Must support the mission, programs and activities of the Society and act as an advocate for the organization.

Desired Experience:

Former rabbit handling experience which adheres to the Humane Society's philosophy of positive reinforcement training and humane handling techniques.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of (B/basic; J/journey; E/expert):

- Speak, read, and write in the English language (J)

Orientation and Training :

- Required: General Orientation
- Required: Hands-on SMAM training

Tools and Equipment Provided :

- All necessary supplies provided on site.

Optional Tools and Equipment :

- Donation of newspaper, toilet paper rolls, other approved enrichment tool supplies.

Skill and ability to:

	Never	Seldom 1%-10%	Occasional 11%-33%	Frequent 34%-66%	Constant 67%-100%
Stand				X	
Walk				X	
Lift <10 lbs					X
Lift 10-25 lbs			X		
Lift 26-50 lbs.		X			
Lift 51-75 lbs.		X			
Lift 76-100 lbs.		X			
Twist				X	
Reach				X	
Push and Pull				X	
Climb		X			
Sit				X	
Vision					X
Hearing					X

Interested in this volunteer position? Please submit an application to volunteer with the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County by visiting our volunteer portal www.thehumanesociety.org/getinvolved. Applications are accepted at limited times throughout the calendar year and placement is assigned on an as-needed basis.