

## Volunteer Position Description

### *Cat Socializer*

Mon-Fri: 8-10a, 10a-12p, 12-2p, 2-4p & 4-6p

Sat & Sun: 9-11a, 11a-1p, 1-3p & 3-5p

### DESCRIPTION

Reports to: Volunteer Coordinator

Commitment: 6 month minimum commitment, 2 hour shift/week (same day and time)

### PURPOSE

Cat socializers are a vital part of keeping adoptable shelter cats happy and healthy while they are with us. The purpose of their role is to give adoptable cat's daily interaction through play, petting, grooming and sitting with them.

Because EBHS uses a color coding system to best meet the needs of each unique animals, all new cat socializers start with pre green training where they learn the core fundamentals of caring for the shelter cats first (husbandry). There is minimal cat socialization until your reach 16 hours of volunteering and attend an additional training session.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide proper care including housing, husbandry, exercise, and socialization according to EBHS policies and industry standards for EBHS animals
- Notify staff of animal medical needs/concerns
- Notify the staff of any cat behavior needs/concerns
- Following shelter sanitation protocol
- Comply with behavior programs for designated cats
- Comply with cat condo symbols and staff directive
- Comply with color coding policy
- Record all socialization time and interaction as directed
- Represent the organization in a professional and courteous manner
- Attend and participate in meetings, training programs, and continuing education.
- Follow safe handling procedures as they pertain to animals and cleaning agents
- Utilize force free, fear free, and science based training methods when handling animals and educate other volunteers and the public about these methods.
- Work respectfully with and alongside staff and volunteers

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Parent/Youth Teams: 12-15 years old. Parent or legal guardian must be present at all times while volunteering. Volunteers 16-17 years old must have parent or legal guardian consent
- Cat handling experience preferred
- Able to work with minimal supervision and/or with a team
- Excellent oral, written, and organizational skills with attention to detail
- Able to lift and carry animals and supplies in excess of 25 pounds
- Must attend New Volunteer Orientation and pre green training. Green cat socializer training will take place after 16 hours of volunteer service.

### WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Physical demands include:
  - Lifting and moving animals, kennels, and other equipment.
  - Frequent movement, including but not limited to; standing, walking, stooping, carrying
- Working conditions include:

- Possible exposure to dangerous, diseased, frightened, and injured animals.
- Possible exposure to zoonotic diseases.
- Possible exposure to potentially harmful chemicals
- Working with strong cleaning agents on wet surfaces.
- Emotional demands include:
  - Euthanasia.
  - Animal abuse.
  - Animal neglect.