



## Volunteer Requirements

- Be at least 16 years of age. If you are under 18, you may volunteer with an Agreement and Waiver Form signed by your parent/guardian. Safety is a prime concern at Animal Care and for that reason we cannot allow youth under 16 to work directly with the animals. There are many other ways for young people to get involved. Please email [petvolunteer@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:petvolunteer@greenvillecounty.org) to get more details!
- Understand and accept the Greenville County Animal Care Mission Statement.
- Be willing to commit to 6 months of volunteering and a minimum of 8 hours per month.
- Orientation sessions for new volunteers (1½ hrs) are offered the first Wednesday and Saturday of each month. Attend an orientation session conducted by the Volunteer Coordinator, a qualified volunteer or staff member. The meeting is a time to learn more about Animal Care programs and to review the volunteer opportunities available. Applicants will be asked to make a selection from those opportunities at the meeting. This is also the perfect time for the applicant to ask questions and decide if volunteer work at an animal facility is the right choice. Volunteers must also participate in a training session and/or shadow training for their assigned position with a qualified volunteer or staff member.
- All volunteers are required to sign the [Volunteer Agreement and Contract](#) at an orientation meeting. Youth 16-17 must submit their signed parent/guardian consent form prior to volunteering for the first time.
- Be able to work in an environment that includes high noise levels at times, pet allergens, and industrial cleaning supplies.
- Be committed to fulfilling volunteer obligations. We schedule volunteers around the daily needs of the animals. It is important that volunteers show up for their shifts. Our volunteers need to be flexible and adaptable and be able to work independently when required. They must have the ability to read and understand detailed policy and protocol information as well as be able to remember and follow the Animal Care rules.
- Be able to physically fulfill the duties of your volunteer role. Many volunteer roles require the ability to lift and reach, to stand and/or move about for the entire shift.
- Be able to hear, see, and interpret animal behavior and body language.
- Have an email address because our scheduling is done online and all communications are done via email.
- Purchase a Volunteer Start-up Kit which includes a required T-shirt, name badge, Volunteer Handbook and an Animal Care decal. This fee allows us to provide materials to new volunteers without taking any money away from the support of our animals. Payment is due before your training session.