## **Volunteer Requirements**

Volunteer Orientations - The first step to become an OC Animal Care volunteer. Orientations are held on the first Saturday (10:00 am) of each quarter during the months of January, April, July, and October. An RSVP may be required, so please check our website for up-to-date information. All potential volunteers must attend. Orientation is held at OC Animal Care, 561 The City Drive South, Orange.

**Volunteer Selection -** OC Animal Care requires that all potential volunteers go through an extensive selection process. This process ensures that OC Animal Care is selecting volunteers that best fit the needs of the program and understand the unique environment in which they will work. The selection process may take up to two months. Please note that applicants will be selected based on the current needs of OC Animal Care.

Minimum Qualifications - Must be over 18 years of age. OC Animal Care also requires that volunteers commit to a minimum of eight hours a month for at least three months. This commitment ensures that the program will operate smoothly and the maximum benefit is derived for the animals.

**Training -** OC Animal Care will provide training to all volunteers. Volunteers are required to complete the training for each position in which they are selected to serve.

For additional information please contact the Volunteer Program Coordinator at (714) 935-6194.

#### **About Us**

**OC Animal Care's Vision -** To be the BEST Animal Care Services Agency in the Nation.

**Volunteer Program -** Our volunteer program continues to grow and is a necessary part of everyday life at OC Animal Care. Serving as a volunteer is extremely rewarding, educational and fun. OC Animal Care's volunteers are committed, caring individuals who positively impact the lives of our animals. The valuable support and service is truly appreciated by the animals, staff, and visitors.

A New Leash on Life - The motto of our volunteer program. OC Animal Care is continually searching for dedicated volunteers to increase animal adoptability, community involvement, and encourage teamwork among the employees and volunteers. The volunteers are a key component of the OC Animal Care Center and provide an invaluable service to our animals and the community.



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## **Volunteer Opportunities**

If you are searching for a rewarding experience and love working with and for animals, we invite you to join the OC Animal Care volunteer team. Volunteer opportunities are available seven days a week and there are several positions to choose from. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

### **Volunteer Positions**

Dog Walker - Volunteers walk and exercise shelter dogs that are available for adoption. Through exercise, dog walkers provide adoptable dogs human contact, mental stimulation, and basic obedience training.

Cat Socializer - Volunteers socialize available shelter cats. Through socializing, volunteers improve the quality of the cats' lives and better prepare them for adoption into loving homes. Volunteers also assist with cleaning and feeding in the shelter's kitten nursery.

Rabbit Socializer - Volunteers socialize available shelter rabbits. Through socialization, volunteers will better prepare rabbits for adoption.

**Bather / Groomer -** Volunteers bathe and groom shelter dogs to create quality bonding time between themselves and the dogs and increase a dog's adoptability.

**Customer Service -** Volunteers greet and offer assistance to the public at OC Animal Care's information center at the front of the shelter. These volunteers are a visitor's first contact with OC Animal Care. Their warm greeting and assistance may influence a person's decision to adopt from OC Animal Care, or help in locating a lost pet.

**Shelter/Community Events -** Volunteers assist staff in educating the community about the services provided by OC Animal Care at the shelter, local fairs, festivals, and mobile adoption events. Volunteers may also assist in the training, grooming, and socialization of the animals selected for these events.

Foster Caretaker - Volunteers provide temporary care to young, injured, abused, or under-socialized animals. Volunteers return their foster animals when they are deemed suitable for adoption by OC Animal Care's Veterinary staff. The volunteer is responsible for all non-medical related expenses incurred while fostering. Prospective foster caretakers must submit a Foster Application.



If you have a specialized skill, we are looking for professionals in the following fields: graphic designers, artists, photographers, and dog trainers.



# **Volunteer Opportunities for Minors**

Animal Control Explorer Post 538 - Are you between the ages of 14 and 21 and interest in a career that involves the handling of animals? If you are considering a career in animal care, animal training, animal control, veterinary medicine or law enforcement as a K9 police officer, then our Explorer Post might be just the thing to get you started. Please call (714) 935-6901 mailbox 1 for further information.

**Special Projects -** Special projects are available for individuals or organizations (Scout Troops, School Groups, Non-profit Organizations, etc.) unable to volunteer at the shelter on an on-going basis. These projects may include decorating the animals' cages and collecting much needed items such as blankets. For more information please call (714) 935-6301.



