

Volunteer Opportunities

Clerical Duties:

Clerical duties such as helping with fliers, pamphlets, mailings, typing, phone calls, photocopying, assembling packets, etc.

Community Events: Pets help make us better people and have the ability to strengthen the family unit. As an indirect result, communities are thereby improved and the world around us becomes a healthier place to live. Therefore, we actively participate in local community assistance events like L.I.F.T. and the Community Action Agency Tailgate giveaways.

- Help at our education booths passing out fliers, signing up new volunteers and presentations, and talking to the public about what we do.
- Tailgate Giveaways, L.I.F.T. – repackage food, solicit donations. Assist during actual events, collecting data, dispersing donations, providing information and assistance.

Disaster Response Team:

Would you be willing to open up your home or ranch to house displaced animals on a temporary basis?

Would you be willing to assist in transporting animals out of affected areas?

Would you be willing to loan equipment?

Would you be willing to help gather food and supplies that shall be necessary during the temporary housing of animals?

Would you be willing to donate time and/ or resources to care for the animals at an animal evacuation site?

Would you be willing to organize, distribute supplies to those affected by disaster?

If the answer is “YES” to ANY of these questions, please let us know ASAP! If we hear from you, we will forward a simple form to be filled out that allows us to build an effective Volunteer Disaster Response Team that will work together with Animal Services in Tehama County to save as many of the animals we value, as we can!

Education- Become a “Goodwill Ambassador”:

Assist the P.E.T.S. team with Humane Education programs. Topics covered include, but are not limited to pet care, responsible pet ownership, safety for and around animals, adopting a new pet and pet overpopulation

- Youth and Adult Education: P.E.T.S. recognizes the important role humane education plays in teaching the youth in our community about compassion, responsible pet ownership, the importance of spay/neuter, dog bite prevention, and more. Our humane educators present programs at local schools, youth organizations, adult service organizations and businesses

Foster Care:

Help provide respite for an animal guardian on a short-term, limited basis due to the guardian's health or personal status (example illness and/or surgery, hospice,, etc.). Some of the duties would be to:

- Provide a loving and nurturing environment for the foster animal
- Feed, medicate, and groom the foster animal.
- Ensure the safety of the foster animal and observe and report any changes in behavior, health or temperament of the fostered animal.
- Keep the foster animal under care for the designated time period.

Grant Writer:

Help develop and write grant proposals to grant-making organizations and will persuasively communicate P.E.T.S. mission and programs to potential funders. Help assemble and submit grant requests, establish and maintain personal contact and relationships with grantor contacts, conduct prospect research, and maintain a calendar of submissions and other deadlines.

Graphic design / Illustrations/ Artists:

Help design content for marketing, branding, and the internet and also help conceptualize, design, and create mock-ups from small enhancements to entirely new designs. Projects will range from designing social media graphics to participating in larger projects to market P.E.T.S. at community events. Help design forms, educational handouts, promotional literature and flyers, power point presentations, banners, etc.

Lost and Found Services:

Help reunite lost animals with their owners through our and others social media sites in order to network lost/found animals in Tehama County thus preventing them from entering the shelter. In addition, provide information to the public as to "What to Do" when an animal is Lost or Found. Be a reference for local laws and ordinances. Collect data.

Photographer:

Pictures speak louder than words and those pictures can be used to:

1. Assist in gaining community support for P.E.T.S. programs and services.
2. Draw potential adopters into the Tehama County Animal Care Center
3. Illustrate information, programs, etc.

Public Relations/Promotions:

Promote events and educational programs, present to agencies, schools, businesses, and other public and private groups. Encourage radio and television news stations to present animal issues as related to the community; distribute P.E.T.S. literature, membership information, event flyers at businesses, organizations, etc.

Sales/ Fundraising and Marketing/Event Planning:

Make new connections and be part of the P.E.T.S. team committed to implementing fundraising projects, soliciting potential prospects and managing donor relationships to raise funds for day-to-day operations and long term goals. If this is your talent, we need you!

Senior for A Senior program: is all about seniors discovering the joys of having a pet in their lives. The program helps senior citizens who are on a fixed income and unable to afford the adoption fees for a companion animal but are capable of caring for a pet.

- Help identify seniors who might wish for a pet and assist them in finding one at the Tehama County Animal care Center
- Help develop and maintain relationships with community senior-based organizations.
- Help plan and host community outreach and educational meetings or workshops.
- Help identify and apply for appropriate grants and other funding mechanisms to carry on the Senior for Senior program
- Help evaluate the success of the Senior for Senior program through statistical analysis.

Sewing:

Create and make “Adopt Me: coats for the available adoptable animals of the Tehama County Animal Care Center to be worn at off-site events. Make sew/or no-sew blankets for both the animals at the Care Center and for give-away items during the L.I.F.T and Tailgate Give-away events, new adopters, or foster parents.

Special Event Assistants – Mascot and Handler

Educate the community on services and programs, pass out literature & publications, answer animal related questions, solicit donations, organize and work fundraisers and ensure the community knows the value of P.E.T.S. services.

Since Homeless Homer only woofs, mascot is needed and able to interact with the public with non-verbal communication.

Handlers are needed to be the eyes and ears for Homeless Homer, making sure he does not trip or miss someone who wants to say “hi.” Handler is the “Voice”.

Recruitment:

Recruit more volunteers through meetup or tweetup events at non-animal venues, encouraging involvement in the P.E.T.S. organization

Research :

If you enjoy looking-up info, then we can use your investigative ability to deliver information to the public and help us provide exciting, informative web and social media pages.

Research information and resources to help create and maintain web pages, Blogs, Facebook pages, etc. Research new advances in pet care and pet health to provide up to date information to the public

Transportation:

- Transport animals from the Tehama County Animal Care Center to:
 1. Collaborative rescue organizations, in order that the homeless animals will have an increased chance for adoption.
 2. Local Events
 3. UC Davis for spay/neuter

TNR (Trap- Neuter- Return)

Be on the ground floor and an integral part of an exciting newly forming team!

- Help create and implement humane protocols for feral cats.
- Help determine target areas for Trap-Neuter-Return based on phone calls from the public.
- Help communicate with neighborhoods in order to educate, identify caregivers and feral cat colonies
- Help develop and maintain relationships with community feral cat volunteers and other organizations.
- Help plan and host community outreach and training meetings or workshops.
- Help procure necessary equipment for Trap-Neuter-Return program.
- Help identify and apply for appropriate grants and other funding mechanisms to carry out Trap-Neuter-Return and offer services for caregivers of outdoor cats.
- Help evaluate the success of the Trap-Neuter-Return program through statistical analysis.

Videography:

Film, edit, and provide 1-minute videos to be used on website, social media and Youtube. The 1-minute video should include text and music along with the video images. These videos would be utilized for promotion of P.E.T.S., educational information and to increase Adoption of homeless animals at the Tehama County Animal Care Center.

Visitation:

We are looking for people to help us work in conjunction with other community organizations that help the elderly, disabled, or displaced.

Help an elderly or disabled person keep their pet. Assistance may be in the form of providing additional pet food, help with grooming the animal, assist with transportation for veterinary visits, etc.

- Pets help improve physical and mental health. Studies have shown that opening our homes to pets can help reduce blood pressure, stress, and cholesterol levels.
- Pets provide friendship for lonely individuals. The company of a beloved pet has been proven to reduce depression.
- Pets also give us a sense of responsibility, increased alertness and sense of security, along with unending love and affection, therefore assisting in alleviating some of the issues senior citizens and disabled persons face.

Website Design

In conjunction with other P.E.T.S. team members, creates the look, layout and features of the P.E.T.S. website. The volunteer should have an understanding both graphic design and computer programming. The volunteer helps with maintenance and additions to the website, keeping the site up-to-date and prioritizing needs.

Writer/ Storyteller

If you enjoy telling a story or like to write, then consider putting pen in hand, or fingers to keyboard, to contribute articles. Writing can be an uplifting article as well as timely news items and related activities as they pertain to P.E.T.S. Topics might include events, needs, wonderful adoption stories, new programs, etc.

Examples of writing needed are:

- Informative articles for Website, Social Media, Blog, Handouts, Newsletter Articles,
- Writing press releases, media advisories, PSA's, community calendar notices, etc.
- Pet Descriptions to increase Adoptions of animals housed in the Tehama County Animal Care Center