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# BLUE MOUNTAIN HUMANE SOCIETY

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## MISSION

Our mission is to prevent cruelty and promote kindness to companion animals in our community.



## VALUES

We are committed to stopping the euthanasia of healthy, adoptable pets by ending overpopulation and homelessness. To achieve this, we provide quality shelter, spay/neuter, foster care, adoption, and re-homing services for companion animals in our community. We provide spay/neuter and humane education, animal control services, and cruelty and neglect investigation services to ensure that companion animals have home with responsible, committed and loving caregivers.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE CRITICAL TO OUR SUCCESS

We could not achieve our mission without the dedicated support of our volunteers. By giving of their time, their talents, their energy and expertise, they contribute directly to healthier animals, increased adoption rates and greater awareness in the community about the Blue Mountain Humane Society's mission and services.

### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- 14 Years Old, or accompanied by an adult
- Possess strong customer service skills or the willingness to learn, as all volunteer positions work directly with the public, staff, and other volunteers
- Three month commitments are requested
- IN Shelter: able to commit 9 hours per month, 3 of which will be devoted to general housekeeping, while 6 may be spent with the animals after proper training is received
- At home projects are available with no minimum hours required
- Remote location assignments are available:
  - Farmers' Market – minimum two shifts per month
  - PETCO – minimum two shifts per month
  - Special Events (Bus. Expo, Fall Furr Ball, etc...)
- Able to squat, bend, twist, lift, or stand for long periods when working directly with the animals



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# VOLUNTEER JOB SUMMARIES

## Cat Corner Caretakers

8am to 11am

Clean each cat cage and cat room in the adoption area while socializing with the cats.

11am to 3pm with lunch break

Socialize with the cats while maintaining clean and inviting areas for the public

3:00pm to 6:00pm

Greet all visitors and share your knowledge about the cats

Afternoon shift prepares for closing, refreshing food and water

## Dog Walkers

It is preferred that all Dog Walkers commit to one shift per week.

8am to 11am

Work with kennel staff to rotate dogs out for morning play and exercise while kennels are being cleaned. Participate in “Good Dog” behavior training at every opportunity. The morning position requires training and a commitment of one shift per week.

11am to 3pm with lunch break

Rotate dogs out for 15 minute intervals of play and exercise.

3pm to 6pm

Reinforce “Good Dog” behavior training at every opportunity.

Greet all visitors and share your knowledge about the dogs

Scoop poop and debris in the play areas and in the kennels

\*\* Advanced walkers may sign dogs out for day excursions with “adopt me” vests

\*\* Advanced walkers may greet the public in the lobby with a dog on a leash.

## General Housekeeping

Any pre-arranged shift will be scheduled for your convenience.

This opportunity is available to individuals during weekly shifts, and is also a great opportunity for groups who want to volunteer *once* for experience.

All volunteers must serve one three hour shift per month.

**Housekeeping duties are as important to our daily operations as animal care.** If we did not clean our facility daily, visitors wouldn’t find it very pleasant and would not come to us for pet adoption.

*We must have good housekeeping for the sake of our pets!*

Daily chores include laundry and the cleaning of common areas, indoor and out. Examples include walls, windows and floors inside, and doggie play areas, flower beds, lawns and parking lots outside. From time to time we will schedule heavier maintenance and improvement projects, and we will ask you for your assistance when needed. If you would like to be available for such a project, please be sure that we have your application on file.

## Office Support

11am to 3pm with lunch break

We classify our office volunteers in three categories:

3pm to 6pm

\* Yellow – beginning, in training

\* Green – ready to greet public and maintain daily paperwork with little supervision

\* Blue – ready to train other volunteers, accept special projects, work independently

## PETCO FAMERS’ MARKET

**If you are capable of transporting, handling and presenting our animals to the public at either location, and can commit to one shift weekly, please call Rebecca Oertel at 529-5188.**

## MISCELLANEOUS

Sewing

Special Event Planning

Animal Photography

Data Entry

Volunteer Coordination

Website Updates weekly

Monthly News by Email

Member Correspondence

**Do you have the right skills?** Please call us if you are looking for that special project that **ONLY YOU can do!**