

Santa Maria Valley Humane Society



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VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

Cat Village Volunteer

Cat Village volunteers play an important role in maintaining the adoptability of the felines in residence at the SMVHS. Volunteers are scheduled a morning or afternoon shift in Cat Village during business hours from 10am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, and 10am to 4pm Saturday. Volunteer shifts are 1 to 2 hours minimum, but can be longer if desired. Each cat room volunteer is asked to schedule a particular shift, or may work multiple shifts within the week. The cat volunteer, as with all volunteers of SMVHS, is to report to the Volunteer Coordinator, Kira Farrell, with any questions about their volunteer experience and with any changes to their schedule.

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Socialization of the cats in a safe manner
 - Playing, petting, grooming, engaging the cats with the wands and toys, just getting them used to people in general*
- Reading guidelines posted on particular cats daily
- Interacting with and greeting visitors.
- Maintaining cleanliness of the facility
- Scooping the litter boxes, sweeping the floors, folding towels, straightening blankets and cozies, etc.
- Assisting with adoption selection, and matchmaking with further training

*If the cat volunteer is capable of holding a cat in their arms or on their lap, the better. Note that not all felines like to be handled, so wisdom plays an important part in the cat socializer role.

Requirements:

- No experience required
- Attend an orientation meeting and cat socialization training
- Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes