

Volunteer Roles

There's something for everyone!

Canine Cleanliness Crew

(Assisting Animal Care Staff)

This position involves the daily cleaning of the dog's kennels, including the hosing, feeding, bathing and much, much more. This rewarding volunteer role would suit applicants who enjoy working in a team environment, love dogs and are committed to improving their welfare.

Time commitment is 2 hours per week on a regularly weekly shift.

Minimum 4-month commitment required, with regular attendance.

9am start time or 4pm start time.

Canine Companions

(Works with dogs)

This rewarding volunteer role would suit any applicants wishing to gain experience in the animal industry, people that love dogs, and anyone looking for a worthwhile way to spend their spare time.

Time commitment is 2 hours per week on a regularly weekly shift.

Minimum 4-month commitment required, with regular attendance.

Canine Enrichment Specialists

(Assisting our Behavior, Enrichment and Rescue Coordinator)

Unfortunately, some of our pooches arrive with a lack of manners. Working alongside our B.E.R. Coordinator and the theory of positive reinforcement training, these dogs bloom and find wonderful homes with dedicated families. If you have experience with training or equivalent experience, we are always happy for the help.

Time commitment is 2 hours per week on a regularly weekly shift.

Minimum 4-month commitment required, with regular attendance.

Companion Animal Chauffeurs

(Working alongside Feline Care and Canine Care Managers)

18 years of age or older

Access to a vehicle Full Ontario G license

Volunteer drivers play a critical role in transporting our animals to and from local veterinary clinics for their spay and neuter appointments. If you love animals and driving, this may be the role for you!

Time commitment is 2 hours per week on a regular weekly shift.

Morning or late day preference offered.

Minimum 4-month commitment required, with regular attendance.

Cleanliness Cat Crew

(Assisting Animal Care Staff)

Keeping the Humane Society running smoothly, and making sure that each cat has access to clean bedding, dishes, and enclosures, requires the help of many volunteers. This is a great role for volunteers who may not be comfortable working directly with the cats but want to help make a difference in an animal's life.

Time commitment is 2 hours, every two weeks on a regular shift.

Minimum 4-month commitment required, with regular attendance.

Feline Well-being Assistant

(Works with the cats)

Volunteers provide cats with reassurance, affection and comfort during their time of need. Volunteers also assist the public and answer their questions about our facility and the adoption process.

Time commitment is 2 hours per week on a regular weekly shift.

Minimum 4-month commitment required, with regular attendance.

Small Animal Nurturer and Trainer

(Works with rodents, rabbits and any other small mammals)

Volunteers play an essential role in the lives of our small domestics. Focus is on enrichment and encouraging positive handling, thus making them better prepared to become a part of a loving family.

Time commitment is 2 hours per week on a regular weekly shift.

Minimum 4 month commitment required, with regular attendance.

Wildlife Rescue Driver

(Working alongside Animal Protection Department)

18 years of age or older

Access to a vehicle Full Ontario G license

A vital role for the sick, injured or orphaned wildlife that enter our doors each year, Wildlife Rescue Drivers are crucial in transporting animals to and from the different accredited rehabilitation centers!

There is no set time commitment with volunteer driving, aside from a minimum 4 month commitment. When an animal is in need and the Guelph Humane Society needs a driver, an email will be sent out to everyone on the list. This is a quick way for us to get in touch with a mass of people instead of calling one by one, although if phone calls are the preferred method of contact, we can certainly make those calls happen!

Event Volunteers

(Working alongside Guelph Humane Society Event Coordinator)

Day of event support

The Guelph Humane Society is a non-profit organization and to continue our success we need the help of dedicated animal lovers that are dependable and committed!

This role is suitable for volunteers with an irregular schedule, as there is a diverse range of events the Guelph Humane Society participates in throughout the year.

Event Committee Volunteers

(Working alongside Guelph Humane Society Event Coordinator)

Planning stages, day of and closing of events support It's an ambitious undertaking each year to raise the necessary funds to operate our Humane Society!

Our dynamic and creative Events and Fundraising Team helps to organize some of our annual events. If you already have or would like to gain more fundraising experience, this is the team for you! Timing is flexible for this role, and regular team meetings help keep team members connected during the year. You are able to sign up for one event at a time, if preferred.

Building Repairs & Maintenance

(Working alongside Maintenance Department)

If you have carpentry, plumbing or other maintenance skills we could use your assistance with minor repairs and maintenance at the Guelph Humane Society for things like building shelves, plumbing repairs, painting, etc.

This is an on-call basis, however drop-ins will always be appreciated.

Do you have a special skillset that you feel would benefit the Guelph Humane Society that you would like to share? Please don't hesitate to contact our Volunteer Coordinator today!

Whatever your choice, volunteering your time is tremendously rewarding, and we invite you to come and see what we mean!