



HUMANE SOCIETY
of sonoma county
Santa Rosa



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Children's Services

Volunteer Job Description

Humane Society of Sonoma County training methodology and philosophy is force-free and animal-friendly, utilizing primarily positive reinforcement. SHS does not condone the use of aversive training methods, defined as "any circumstance or event that causes pain, fear, or emotional discomfort."

Position Title: Animal Assisted Therapy Volunteer	Supervisor: Beth Karzes, AAT Coordinator
Location: off-site throughout Sonoma County	Time Commitment: 2 hours once a week or every other week or once a month, depending on site
Position Description: Provide a positive interactive experience with you and your dog at local senior centers, convalescent homes, elementary classrooms, or libraries bringing the joy of the human animal bond by spending quality time with your well trained dog. Dogs provide a compassionate unspoken understanding of companionship that can be shared with the elderly and children to help brighten their day, be a good listener, encourage the love of reading.	
Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional representation of the program • Comfortable working with elderly and youth • Maintenance of training and management of your participating dog • Understanding the clients served • Demonstrate safety policies at all times • Annual Meetings, Site Visits 	
Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSSC Successful completion of Animal Assisted Therapy dog training and CGC certification and prerequisites • Veterinary health and vaccinations • Background check • Auto and Liability Insurance • Yearly meeting/trainings with coordinator • Must be 21 years old or older 	
Benefits: Animal Assisted Activities encourage the human animal bond and provides an opportunity for community member to engage and connect in a non stressful environment. Volunteers enjoy participating and being a part of their community. Dogs enjoy the calm social interaction of meeting new people and using their training skills.	

Feedback/Evaluation Yearly meeting/trainings with coordinator

Training: Attend Humane Society Volunteer Orientation, Successfully complete Animal Assisted Therapy course and pass Canine Good Citizen Exam, Attend Site Orientations with AAT Coordinator.

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