

Volunteer Job Description

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

Position Title: Cat Care Partner	Supervisor: Cat Care Program Manager,
	Nicole Dunham
Location: Adoption Floor	Time Commitment:
Sonoma Humane Society	1, 2, or 3 hours a week / 6 month minimum

Position Description:

Lovingly nurture our cats and kittens through play and enrichment that is tailored to their personality and receptiveness.

Responsibilities:

- Socialize our shelter cats to provide a better, positive, and more enriched stay at our shelter.
- Observe our cats/kittens and report any medical or behavioral conditions requiring attention.
- Assist the public in selecting a cat that matches their preference and home.

Requirements:

- Must be 18 years old or over.
- Must be able to work independently with little to no staff supervision.
- Some cat/kitten experience is a plus. (Preferably in a shelter environment.)
- Ability to commit to 1, 2, or 3 hours shifts once a week for the duration of a minimum of six months.
- Ability and willingness to adhere to health and safety protocols set in place for the cats.

Benefits:

- You'll join an amazing team that is dedicated to advocating for our feline friends. You'll make the jobs of everyone working for the Sonoma Humane Society a little better by just knowing that you care.
- You may meet some new friends. Four legged or two. (And the occasional three.)
- You will feel amazing knowing that you have truly helped change and save a life just by showing up.

Training: Attend General Volunteer Orientation. You will then be invited to cat care training/orientation:

- Cat Care Partner Orientation which will outline the domestication and socialization of cats and how that affects them in the shelter environment.
- Small group trainings that provide one on one training in the Cat Care Partner Program.