



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: Animal Care Assistant	Supervisor: Alison Lane
Location: Healdsburg	Time Commitment: 2-3 hrs/week, 6 month minimum
<p>Position Description: Assist staff with the habitat cleaning, feeding and care of the shelter’s dogs, cats, bunnies and small companion animals.</p>	
<p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help clean Dog kennels and Cat habitats • Help with morning or late afternoon feeding • Wash dishes, clean windows • Clean crates/litter boxes - assemble litter boxes • Help with laundry, sweeping, mopping • Fill Kongs and help with other enrichment items for animals 	
<p>Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be able to bend and stand for periods of time • Must be able to lift up to 20 pounds • Some experience handling dogs/cats preferred • Ability to follow precise instruction and protocol • Must be able to work independently with little to no staff supervision 	
<p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working in the same environment as our Medical and Adoption Team • Gratification in catering to the needs of the animals • Gaining an understanding of a career in Animal Care • Working in a fast paced fun environment 	

- Providing care, comfort and a clean habitat to the animals when they first arrive to help lower stress levels, and benefit their overall health and well-being

Feedback/Evaluation: Feedback or performance evaluations provided as needed

Training: Attend General Volunteer Orientation; schedule 1 on 1 training with Adoptions Team.