



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: Nicole Dunham, Cat Care Program Manager
Location: Healdsburg	Time Commitment: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be 18 years old or over • 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. • Must be able to work independently with little to no staff supervision 	
Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	