



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: Small Companion Animal/ Bunny Care Volunteer	Supervisor: Dir. Of Animal Care, Adoptions Staff, or Volunteer Manager
Location: Adoption Floor, HSSC	Time Commitment: 1, 2, or 3 hours a week / 6 month minimum
Position Description: Lovingly nurture our rabbits and small companion pets (gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, rats, etc.) through play and enrichment that is tailored to their personality and receptiveness.	
Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socialize our shelter small companion animals (SCAs) to provide a better, positive, and more enriched stay at our shelter. • Observe our SCAs 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. • Must be able to work independently with little to no staff supervision. • Some small companion pet experience is a plus. • Ability to commit to 1, 2, or 3 hours shifts once a week for a minimum of six months. • Ability to comprehend, and willingness to adhere to health and safety protocols set in place for the SCAs • Must follow all guidelines as directed by HSSC staff 	
Benefits: You'll join an amazing team that is dedicated to advocating for all of our animal friends. You'll make the jobs of everyone working for the HSSC a little better by just knowing that you care. You may meet some new friends. Four legged or two. (And the occasional three.) And you will feel amazing knowing that you have truly helped change and save a life just by showing up!	
Feedback/Evaluation: Volunteer feedback is always welcome and we encourage you to ask questions as they arise. Evaluation feedback given on an “as-needed” basis.	
Training: Attend General Volunteer Orientation; schedule training with skilled SCA staff and/or volunteers. Attend General Volunteer Orientation; schedule 1 on 1 training.	