

Volunteer Opportunities at a Glance

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Opportunity	Age Requirement	Time Commitment	Location
Supply Drives	Any Age	Flexible	School, Club, Neighborhood, or Community
No-Sew Blanket Projects	Any Age	Flexible	At Home
Pet Toy Making	Any Age	Flexible	At Home
Office Volunteer	16+	Ongoing (Weekly or Monthly)	HHS Office
Community Service Projects	16–18	Flexible	Self-Directed
Court Ordered Community Service	16 +	As required by the court	HHS Office
Foster Volunteer	18+	Daily Care Commitment	Your Home
Thrift Shop Volunteer	18+	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	Second Chances Thrift Shop
Adoption Event Volunteer	18+	Weekly	Various Adoption Event Locations
Adoption Counselor	18+	Ongoing	Adoption Events
Special Event Volunteer	18+	As Needed	Community Events
Property Maintenance Volunteer	18+	Flexible, Ongoing	HHS Campus

What are the age requirements for volunteering?

We welcome volunteers ages 16 and older for ongoing volunteer opportunities.

Under Age 16?

While we are unable to accept volunteers under 16 for regular volunteer positions, there are still plenty of ways to help our animals!

Organize a Supply Drive

Host a donation drive at your school, church, club, or in your neighborhood. Keep track of your volunteer hours, and we will gladly sign off on community service requirements.

Helpful Resource: Download our [Wish List](#) to see our most-needed items.

Make [No-Sew Fleece Blankets](#)

Our foster pets always appreciate soft, cozy bedding. Gather some friends and host a blanket-making party! Crate-sized no-sew fleece blankets are easy to make, and many tutorials are available online.

Create Pet Toys

Get creative and make safe toys for our foster pets using household items such as socks, fabric scraps, or cardboard tubes. Please ensure all toys are non-toxic and free of small parts that could be swallowed.

I'm 16–18 years old and in high school. How can I volunteer?

We welcome high school students and offer two ways to get involved.

Option 1: Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to volunteer on a regular weekly or monthly basis, we often need help with:

- Organizing supplies

- Cleaning and tidying the office

- Washing pet bowls

- Watering outdoor areas

- Other general support tasks

You'll likely have opportunities to interact with animals that are coming and going through our programs.

Option 2: Community Service Hours

If you only need a few volunteer hours for a school, club, or community project, we recommend self-directed projects such as:

- Organizing a supply drive

- Making no-sew fleece blankets

- Creating pet toys

We are happy to sign off on community service hours for these projects. Just be sure to keep a record of the time you spend working on them. You do not need to fill out a volunteer form for self-directed projects.

What volunteer opportunities are available for adults (18+)?

Foster Volunteers (Our Greatest Need!)

Opening your home to a homeless pet is one of the most impactful ways you can help.

Foster homes save lives and allow us to rescue more animals.

Learn more on [our Foster Program page](#).

Second Chances Thrift Shop Volunteers

Our thrift store is a vital source of funding for the animals in our care.

We are looking for able-bodied, dependable volunteers who can regularly assist with:

- Sorting donations

- Organizing merchandise

- Assisting customers

- General store operations

Volunteer Shifts:

Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Download and print the [volunteer application](#).

Applications should be submitted in person at the thrift shop during business hours.

Adoption Event Volunteers

Help us bring pets and people together!

Volunteer duties may include:

Loading and unloading supplies

Setting up crates, tables, and displays

Walking dogs during events

Assisting adopters and visitors

Adoption Counselors

Experienced adoption event volunteers may be invited to become Adoption Counselors.

This important role involves helping families find the right pet and guiding them through the adoption process. On-the-job experience is required before serving in this position.

Special Event Volunteers

Throughout the year, we participate in community fairs, festivals, markets, and other outreach events.

Volunteers help by:

Sharing information about our mission

Distributing educational materials

Answering questions

Encouraging community support and donations

The more volunteers we have, the more people we can reach!

Property Maintenance Volunteers

Our 2.5-acre campus includes:

Three fenced dog parks

A pavilion

Green spaces and parking areas

Volunteers can assist with:

Mowing

Weed-eating

Trash pickup

General grounds maintenance

If you enjoy working outdoors, we'd love your help.

How do I get started?

If you are interested in volunteering on a *recurring basis*, please download and complete our [Volunteer Application](#) and bring it to our office or thrift shop during business hours.

All regular volunteers will need to purchase and wear an HHS volunteer T-shirt (\$20 for adults and \$15 for students).

We can't wait to meet you and welcome you to the Helotes Humane Society family!

Court Ordered Community Service – please see the requirements on [this form](#), and bring it in person to our office during business hours.