

## There are some requirements for becoming a volunteer at the Escondido Humane Society

- Commit to volunteering for a duration of 6 months
- Commit to scheduled volunteer times based on your schedule and our needs.
- Follow all training protocols.
- Follow volunteers policies, procedures and code of ethics.
- Purchase a volunteer T-shirt and wear it when volunteering.
- Meet the minimum age requirements: You must be 18 years or older to volunteer at EHS.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Escondido Humane Society, please contact:

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## 10 Commandments of Volunteering

1. Always put the animals first
2. Expect to work hard and have your heart broken
3. Don't assign your level of commitment to others
4. Realize you can't save them all – but one is better than none
5. Choose your battles
6. Never lose sight of your goal
7. Remain on an even keel – don't become a zealot
8. Give back to others the help you've received
9. Learn to say NO – recognize your limits
10. Be of cheerful heart and mind!

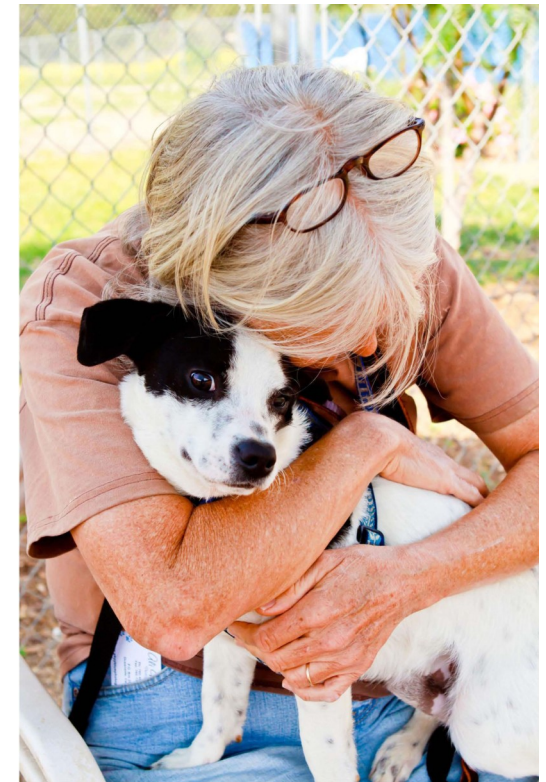


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## Volunteer opportunities and requirements

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for more information

The Escondido Humane Society volunteer program supports the mission of EHS, which is to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of companion animals and to serve our communities.

### **What kinds of volunteers is EHS looking for?**

Here at the shelter we are looking for people who are compassionate, willing to work for the animals, and for people who want to gain a memorable learning experience.

### **What kind of work will I be volunteering my time for?**

There are many different opportunities here at the shelter, at off-site facilities and with fostering. When you volunteer, it gives you an opportunity to work with animals such as dogs, cats, and rabbits. Volunteers help maintain a clean and safe environment for the shelter, assist the adoption staff as greeters, assist with the dog handling program, cuddle cats, socialize our rabbits and possibly join our foster program.

## **Volunteer opportunities** (this is just a small sampling; visit us online for more opportunities)

### **In-shelter and off-site care for our animals:**

Volunteers socialize and care for animals to help make their stay here more enjoyable and improve their chance at finding their perfect forever home. Opportunities include cat cuddling, dog walking and rabbit cuddling.

### **Canine socialization and basic care**

Volunteers are required to work with the dogs one-on-one to provide care to meet their basic needs under the supervision of a team leader. In this program we want to increase the dogs' knowledge of good behavior through teaching them the basics such as walking on a leash, sitting at doors, and quiet kennel behavior. Further training is offered if the volunteer chooses to become a more proficient handler.

### **Cat cuddling and rabbit socializing**

Volunteers are required to socialize the cats and rabbits. In-depth training is required as well as a commitment to scheduled days and times.

### **Foster care**

Foster guardians care for dogs, pregnant or nursing cats, puppies, kittens and those recovering from an illness or injury. Time commitments for volunteers range from short-term to long-term commitments, depending on your preference.

### **Events**

Volunteers host and attend an array of events. Volunteers are ambassadors of EHS and have the opportunity to represent and promote the shelter and its animal residents.

### **Customer service/front desk**

Volunteers are a vital support for our adoption counselors and the first people the customers encounter when they come in. It is your responsibility to be informed about the process of adoption and make people feel comfortable and welcomed.