

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please review the following and annotate on the application where you want to volunteer!

Animal Care: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10:00am to 1:00pm. Animal care volunteers exercise, socialize, bathe and groom the dogs and cats in our care. New volunteers start out as Level 1 dog handlers and can walk only Level 1 dogs so designated on each dog's pen. The dog walking protocol will be provided on your first working day at the shelter. Handlers must attend a class before handling Level 2 dogs. Please ask the shelter manager or volunteer orientation coordinator about Level 2 information. Adoption counseling is not part of these duties, so please direct all inquiries from the public to the shelter manager or other designated shelter representative.

Adoption Counselors and Office Workers: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, 10:00am to 1:00pm. After an animal care volunteer has volunteered for several months at BAHS, on a regular basis, they are eligible to be trained as adoption counselors. Please ask the Shelter Manager or other designated shelter representative for more information.

Adoption Event Dog Handlers: On the Saturdays, and sometimes Sundays, BAHS is involved at an adoption event, THIS IS OUR GREATEST NEED! We attempt to do regularly monthly off-site adoption events and we need handlers. At the events, you present the dog to the public and participate in the adoption process. This is an extremely rewarding position and an important adoption venue. We also need transporters to take the dogs to the events, as well as return the dogs to the shelter. A week before the event, we send out an e-mail to our volunteer pool and ask you to sign up for the day.

Animal Transporters: All of our animals are spayed and neutered before being available for adoption. We transport these animals, as well as those who need other medical treatment, to local veterinarians, usually 1 – 3 times a week. Drop-off times are 7:00am to 8:00am in the morning, and pick-up is after 4:00pm. If this is something you could do on your way to work, and/or after work, it would be greatly appreciated.

Foster Volunteer: As needed, volunteers foster animals who may need more nurturing and socialization than shelter life provides. Fosters are also needed to bottle-feed newborn puppies and kittens. Once the animals are ready to be adopted, they must be returned to BAHS during open shelter hours, and/or brought to adoption events.

Special Committees: We have committees that work on various projects, such as: Finance (includes fundraising and grant writing), Policies and Procedures, Media Communications, Projects and Plans, and Animal Publicity. These committees are comprised of Board members and shelter volunteers and meet 1 – 2 times a month. The members report back to the Board for approval of all projects before implementation. Contributing in this way gives participants a great avenue to get to know and work with the Board members and possibly join the Board at a later date.

To get started, please complete the volunteer application, liability release and guideline agreement, and return the forms to the Shelter Manager or Volunteer Orientation Coordinator prior to orientation. You must attend a Volunteer Orientation Class prior to volunteering at BAHS. Classes take place every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 10:00am.