

Chico Animal Shelter Volunteer Role Description

Position Title		Socialization / Enrichment - Cats						
Direct Supervisor		Shelter Staff						
Organization Mission								
<p>Courteously and compassionately promote the health, safety and welfare of citizens and animals in our community by honoring the human-animal bond, treating each person and animal as an individual, and providing humane care and positive outcomes for unowned/unclaimed animals.</p>								
Activities and Goals								
<p>Provide comfort for the cats housed at the shelter by providing activities for them while they are in their kennel.</p>								
Duties and Responsibilities								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and provide the type(s) of enrichment activity appropriate for each cat under the guidance of shelter staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Types of enrichment may include toys, grooming, providing hiding places, beds, etc. • Work with shy and under socialized cats to make them more adoptable. • Make sure kennel is clean before leaving cat in kennel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This may involve spot cleaning as needed and topping off water • Can be combined with Cat Adoption Ambassador. 								
Minimum Time Requirements								
<p>2 hours per week (12:00 AM – 6:00PM). Ongoing need.</p>								
Location/Work Environment				Eligible for work at home				
<p>Cat rooms at animal shelter. May be subject to loud noises (barking dogs), pet hair and dander, feces and urine, cleaning agents, and strong odors. Exposure to cats, who can be unpredictable.</p>								
Interaction With Animals		None		Minimal		Some	x	Extensive
Interaction the Public		None	x	Minimal		Some		Extensive
Experience Needed	x	Entry Level	x	Prior Experience and/or Training Needed				
Skills/Qualities Required								
<p>Comfortable around a variety of cats and willingness to learn about cat behavior. Ability to take direction and learn shelter policies and procedures. Ability to work independently.</p>								
Orientation and Training								
<p>Training will include an orientation on cat protocols and behavior.</p>								
Other								
<p>Volunteer is required to wear closed-toed shoes and long pants. Tee-shirts, no tank tops.</p>								