



CAT Volunteer Position Description

About the Austin Humane Society:

The Austin Humane Society (AHS) offers comprehensive, humane, life-saving animal services, transforming the lives of animals and those who love them. Because we believe homeless animals deserve a chance to thrive in a loving environment, we offer innovative, nationally recognized programs that save the lives of thousands of dogs and cats each year. AHS' approach to addressing animal homelessness encompasses both finding animals homes through adoption as well as preventing future homelessness through spay/neuter programs.

Summary of Position:

CAT volunteers work with our cats to keep them happy, healthy and well-socialized during their stay at AHS and help them get adopted into loving forever homes.

Location of Role: Austin Humane Society, 124 W. Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78752. In addition, AHS has several off-site cat adoption locations in PetSmart & Petco stores.

Time Commitment:

- Volunteers are required to make a **three-month commitment of two hours per week**.
- AHS is open for volunteering Monday-Saturday 8am-7pm and Sunday 8am-5pm.

Qualifications:

- At least 14 years of age. *14 & 15 year olds must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times when volunteering. 16 & 17 year olds may volunteer independently with parental consent.*
- Able to fulfill all responsibilities independently.
- Enjoys the company of cats.
- Committed to the mission & values of the Austin Humane Society.

Benefits:

- Make a difference for homeless animals in your community!
- Help cats get adopted into loving forever homes.
- Meet an amazing team of people who share your love for cats.
- Increase your knowledge of cat behavior and cat handling skills.

Responsibilities:

- Complete the volunteer application process, which includes completing an application online, attending an orientation session (offered twice a month), paying an application fee, and attending program-specific training sessions. **This process can take from two weeks to two months.**
- Sign up for volunteer opportunities and log hours online.
- Socialize cats in the cattery, colony rooms, and visitation rooms. This includes brushing, petting and playing with toys to give the cats time outside of their cages and encourage proper play behavior.
- Scoop litter boxes and tidy cat cages to present the cats in the best possible light to the public
- Assist potential adopters as needed
- Interact with cats following the techniques and procedures outlined in trainings
- Adhere to AHS procedures and protocols related to animal handling, disease control, cleanliness, etc.
- Communicate professionally and respectfully at all times with the general public, staff, and volunteers.

Contact:

To apply, visit our website at <http://www.austinhumanesociety.org/volunteer/orientation>

For more information, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteercoordinator@austinhumanesociety.org or 512-646-PETS