



# Oshkosh Area Humane Society

Welcome,

Thank you for your interest in the Oshkosh Area Humane Society and our volunteer program. There are lots of ways you can make a difference at OAHS. Whether you are interested in volunteering hands-on with the animals here at the shelter, our Pet Therapy program, or working with the public in our Outreach program, **the first step in becoming a volunteer is to attend an orientation session.** Additional training for cats, dogs or small mammals is required to work hands-on with the animals. Orientation and behavior classes are listed below. There is no need to register for orientation; **however we recommend you arrive early.**

## Volunteer Schedule for 2019

### January

17<sup>th</sup> Orientation 6-7pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Dog Class 9 am-12pm  
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

### February

14<sup>th</sup> Orientation 6-7pm  
21<sup>st</sup> Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Dog Class 9am-12pm  
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

### March

21<sup>st</sup> Orientation 6-7pm  
28<sup>nd</sup> Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm  
30<sup>th</sup> Dog Class 9am-12pm  
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

### April

18<sup>th</sup> Orientation 6-7pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Dog Class 9am-12pm  
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

### May

16<sup>th</sup> Orientation 6-7pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Dog Class 9am-12pm  
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

### June

20<sup>th</sup> Orientation 6-7pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Dog Class 9am-12pm  
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

### July

18<sup>th</sup> Orientation 6-7pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Dog Class 9am-12pm  
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

### August

15<sup>th</sup> Orientation 6-7pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Dog Class 9am-12pm  
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

### September

19<sup>th</sup> Orientation 6-7pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm  
21<sup>st</sup> Dog Class 9am-12pm.  
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

### October

17<sup>th</sup> Orientation 6-7pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Dog Class 9am-12pm  
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

### November

14<sup>th</sup> Orientation 6-7pm  
21<sup>st</sup> Cat Class 5:30-7:45pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Dog Class 9am-12pm  
Small Mammal Class **By Appt.**

### December

No Orientation

Requirements to volunteer at the shelter are as follows: be 16 years of age, be able to commit to 8 hours of service per month for a 3-month commitment to the shelter, and be able to work independently.

Volunteer applications are filled out at orientation so there is no need to register. Please arrive on time as orientation begins promptly at 6pm and we cannot always accommodate late-comers depending on attendance.

We look forward to welcoming you to our volunteer team! If you have any further questions about the volunteer program, please feel free to contact me at (920) 303-3166 or [rachel@oahs.org](mailto:rachel@oahs.org)

Sincerely,

Rachel Stone, Volunteer Coordinator

# Volunteer Opportunities at OAHS

## **Canine Partners**

Guaranteed to keep you and the dogs healthy and happy! Every dog deserves some one-on-one time with a nice person like you. Dog walkers can take dogs out for a daily walk, enjoy playtime in one of our outside runs, help relieve stress in dogs that need extra help, or just spend some nice quiet time with a dog while reading to them. Dog behavior and handling training is required.

## **Feline Friends**

A sure fire way to put a smile on your face and reduce your stress level. Spend some time playing, brushing or relaxing with some of our felines looking for companionship and assist in helping cats be more comfortable during their stay at OAHS. Cat behavior and handling training is required.

## **Laundry**

OAHS does on average 40 loads of laundry a day. If you enjoy the pleasure of washing, drying and putting away fresh laundry, then this is just the job for you. If you would like to volunteer as a Canine Partner or Feline Friend, laundry fits in well. Let us know if you have a friend that likes to clean windows!

## **Maintenance/Grounds**

OAHS has over 2 acres of grounds to maintain. There is always something that needs to be done – gardening, minor building repairs, painting, cleaning, etc. Your “handy” skills are always needed somewhere at OAHS.

## **Pet Therapy**

This is your chance to bring a bit of joy and happiness into the lives of those in local nursing homes. You may take your dog, cat or other animal to a nursing home for regularly scheduled visitations. An evaluation of your animal is required.

## **Foster Care**

When an animal arrives at OAHS who is not quite ready for adoption, OAHS relies on the love and homes of our foster care volunteers. These volunteers open their homes to kittens/puppies who need time to grow, nursing cats/dogs, cats/dogs that need a little extra attention or a companion animal recovering from an illness or surgery. Numerous animals are given a second chance thanks to the time and love given by their foster families.

## **Special Events, Outreach Events, Supply Drives**

OAHS is involved with many local events. We are looking for friendly-outgoing-customer service oriented people to staff information booths, answer questions about the shelter; help out at our annual Walk for the Animals and other fundraisers. If you like interacting with the public, this might just be the perfect fit for you.

## **Canister Banks**

OAHS depends on the generosity of others. Help maintain a donation bank at a local business. Maybe you can have one at your place of employment. Ask a local business to place a canister bank in their store and collect the donations from the bank once a month.

For more information, contact Rachel at (920) 303-3166 or [rachel@oahs.org](mailto:rachel@oahs.org)