



Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary

Cat Care

Program Description

The cat care team is a group of self directed volunteers committed to improving the general living experience of all cats at HEA. We provide basic care and human contact for cats that are healthy and adjusted, but prioritize efforts toward those cats that are sick, injured or behaviorally challenged. Cat Care volunteers provide care and gentle socialization for cats that may otherwise fall very ill or are unable to present well to the public because of environmental stress.

How Can Volunteers Help?

- o **Assist** — Attend to basic creature comforts, such as clean water, litter, food, rooms and kennel liners.
- o **Assess the cats** — Observe their health and behavior, attend to their needs, and report on cats' condition to the team leader.
- o **Follow through is very important** — Cat Care volunteers must be comfortable asking questions of HEA staff and/or the team leader.
- o **Basic "home" care** — This includes gently cleaning eyes and noses, grooming and removal of matted hair

Volunteer Qualifications

- o Volunteers must have a genuine concern for the welfare of cats.
- o No specific tasks will be laid out per shift; therefore, volunteers must be self-motivated and have the ability to make appropriate judgment calls and ask questions when needed.
- o Volunteers must be able to complete multiple tasks, have good communication skills and be able to follow HEA safety guidelines as outlined.
- o A willingness to work with all cats, regardless of appearance, is important. A sick cat is not always a pretty cat, but he or she may be the cat most in need of your love and attention.
- o Volunteers are required to attend team meetings as scheduled.

Time Commitment

You must be able to commit to a minimum of 1 day every other week.