



Group Volunteer Policies

The Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) provides meaningful volunteer experiences for corporate and community groups. We can customize your experience to fit your schedule and promise that you will have an experience that positively influences our community. HSHC will work with a representative from your company or organization to plan activities that best suit you. Opportunities can include outdoor beautification at our facility, general cleaning and sanitization of the shelter, landscaping, event assistance and more. **While volunteer group opportunities do not include working with the animals in our care, each session includes an interaction with an adoptable animal ambassador.*

General Information

HSHC is able to accept groups of 5-10 adults for a two-hour volunteer session. Volunteer tasks may include, but are not limited to, the following and are chosen based on the shelter's current needs:

- General cleaning and upkeep
- Landscaping
- Event assistance

**Please note that volunteer group tasks do not include interacting with animal in our care.*

Scheduling

All groups must be scheduled at least one month in advance. HSHC may not be able to accommodate all volunteer group requests based on scheduling restraints.

Groups are scheduled based on the availability of the volunteer programs team. Wednesdays are the preferred day for volunteer groups, as the shelter is closed to the public on this day. Groups cannot be scheduled on holidays. Preferred times for groups are:

- Wednesdays between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Mondays & Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Once you have confirmed your group's participants, please notify the Volunteer Programs Manager of any accommodations needed, *at least one week before your scheduled volunteer date.*

Additional Information

- Groups may be asked to bring tools and supplies depending on the planned project.
- Participants should wear long pants and closed-toe shoes when volunteering, that may get dirty when coming into contact with feces, urine, or dirt.
- Only members of the requesting business or organization are permitted to volunteer.
- Volunteers must not have strong allergies to animals or chemicals that can't be managed by medication.
- Volunteers must have the ability to deal with strong and unpleasant odors, fleas, and feces.
- Volunteer must have the ability to cope with a very loud environment.
- Volunteers must have the ability to maneuver well in tight spaces.
- Volunteers are expected to arrive within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled start time to ensure prompt and efficient preparation; timeliness is crucial for maintaining the effectiveness and smooth operation of our programs.

Other Ways to Help

In addition to scheduling a volunteer day at the shelter, we encourage you to:

- Host a corresponding fundraiser
- Organize a supply drive to be dropped off on your group volunteer day