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# Bathing Volunteer Description

**Description:**

Vet Services provides all veterinary needs to all animals currently at Larimer Humane Society. They provide individualized care to every animal, including grooming needs. Bathing Volunteers work with Vet Services to brush and wash animals that are in need. This helps them not only get adopted, but also feel more comfortable.

**Objective:**

To assist Vet Services with bathing and grooming shelter animals. Participate in keeping the bathing area clean, safe, and as comfortable as possible for the animals in Larimer Humane Society’s care.

**Supervision:**

Directly reports to Veterinary Technicians and the Supervising and Shelter Veterinarians

**Requirements:**

Vet Services Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age

Must be current Larimer Humane Society volunteer in Behavior & Enrichment, Veterinary Services (and have progressed to level 3 in Veterinary services), Animal Care or Client Services, volunteering for at least 6 months

Must be able to handle exposure to injured and ill animals

Must be able to stand for long periods of time, restrain animals, and lift small animals unassisted

**Bathing Volunteer Commitment:**

Bathing Volunteers must be willing to commit to grooming shifts ***in addition*** to their regularly scheduled department shifts.

**Working Conditions:**

All volunteer work will be performed in the animal shelter setting. There is a potential for exposure to zoonotic diseases and cleaning chemicals, exposure to dangerous and fractious animals, exposure to high noise levels when in kennel area, and a potential for animal bites and scratches while handling animals

**Physical Activities:**

Lifting of up to 50 pounds unassisted; kneeling, squatting, bending, bathing and grooming animals, walking dogs on a leash, handling animals of all temperaments, animal restraint

**Training:**

* Attend a Volunteer Orientation
* Attend hands-on Animal Handling Training
* Attend Safe Cat Handling Training
* Requirement to be a current Larimer Humane Society Volunteer in B&E, Animal Care, Client Services or Vet Services
* Interview with a Veterinary Services Department Volunteer Supervisor
* Attend on the job first shift training
* Have achieved Level 3 Veterinary Services Volunteer Status

**Duties:**

* Responsible for checking in with Vet Services department at the beginning of shift to receive list of animals in need of grooming and being able to identify adoptable dogs in need of grooming
* Retrieve animals from their kennel using proper animal handling techniques
* Provide individualized grooming needs to each animal dependent on listed needs
* Bathe small and large dogs in Larimer Humane Society’s grooming room
* Brush dogs, cats and small mammals
* Understand proper personal protection equipment (PPE) and when certain items are needed
* Sanitize grooming room between animals and thoroughly at the end of shift
* Restock items including: towels/soap/rescue at the end of each shift
* Report back to Vet Services with any behavioral or medical concerns regarding the animals
* Bathing Volunteers will not be using any cutting instruments (clippers, scissors, claw trippers etc.) during shift

**Dress Code:**

* Green volunteer t-shirt
* Name tag
* Closed-toe shoes
* Pants
* Please note that you will be handling cleaning chemicals and animals so be aware that clothing may get dirty.

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