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# **Cat Cuddling Volunteer**

### **Description:**

Cat Cuddlers spend time with our adoptable cats by reading, petting, giving treats and toys and playing. Our cats have a variety of personalities from frisky felines, to wallflowers, to party animals. You will help our companion cats feel more comfortable during their stay and prepare them for adoption. No previous experience required.

## Objective:

To carry out NOCO Humane's vision, mission, and strategic goals via animal enrichment and training, staff involvement, and delivering animal specific information to our public that will minimize an animal's stay at our shelter and ensure loving homes for animals in our care.

#### Supervision:

Directly reports to the Volunteer Coordinator, Indirectly reports to Behavior Coordinator, Behavior Supervisor, and Shelter Manager. Must be able to self-start and work independently if behavior staff is not available.

Requirements
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One two-hour shift per week for a minimum of 6 months		
Cat Cuddling Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age if volunteering alone		
Volunteers age 10-15 years may join our Partner-Up Program with a parent or trusted adult who is 18 years or older		
Volunteers over the age of 18 must complete a national criminal background check and sex offender search		
Ability to read animal body language and respond appropriately, as well as maintain a calm and quiet attitude at all		
times - no loud talking, no agitated or quick movements		
Read and understand signage in the kennel area and around the shelter		
Respond quickly and appropriately to verbal instruction and conduct duties without unnecessary disruptions to staff or		
clients		
Physically able to control the animals being worked with		

## **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:**

Potential to lift of up to 50 pounds unassisted; kneeling, squatting, bending, walking dogs on a leash, handling animals of all temperaments, animal restraint

#### **Dress Code:**

Blue volunteer t-shirt
Volunteer Name Tag
Closed-toe shoes
Pants

Please note that you will be working with and around animals so be aware that clothing may get dirty.