

Animal House Shelter Volunteer Ideas

- Assist with donation boxes. We need pickup and more businesses to place them
- Assist with monthly (or other frequency) of donation pickups
- Hold a neighborhood drive for items on the shelter wish-list
- Request and pickup bedding from hospitals, hotels, carpet stores, etc.
- Help do data-entry into our systems
- Help enter dates on 4 adoption websites that we use. This is needed every day
- Visit/call local businesses to ask if they would donate anything for Raffle Baskets or Silent Auctions for large shelter fundraisers.
- Call schools to get their students involved in Dash for the Dogs
 - Need volunteers to help the day of
 - Suggest track/cross country teams participate as runners and run as a team
 - Suggest individuals or teams ask people to sponsor them for their run/walk
- Spread the word on social media about Animal House Shelter, our adoptable animals, and events
- Be a volunteer greeter on Saturday and/or Sunday. Answer phones, take messages, answer questions, hand out coffee/baked goods to waiting adopters, etc.
- Help out on Saturday and Sunday mornings (our busiest times!) with keeping puppy playpens clean at all times, ensuring puppies have fresh water and food while they wait to get adopted
- Help write grants if you have experience
- Help with ideas of new fundraisers we can do
- Help with the bi-yearly newsletter
- Create new designs for shelter gear
- Ask local paper to do stories on the shelter, post adoptable dogs and cats. Ask local news stations and magazines to do stories on the shelter, post adoptable dogs and cats, etc.
- Meet adoptable animals at the shelter and write cute bios/information about their personality and traits for us to add to their online profiles
- Transport dogs to vet appointments
- Research different companies that donate to non-profits
- Help with Girl Scout, Boy Scout, Brownies, school groups, ect. Need help to come up with fun things for the kids to do while at the shelter. Create something for them to take home with them showing how they can help raise funds and gather items from shelter wish list.
- Help make adoption packets. These packets include several different informational fliers that are vital to the new adopter.
- Help out with maintenance work: gardening, tree trimming, painting, fence fixing, etc.
- Help with intake baths. We get a new transport of animals almost over day. We need volunteers that are willing to help bathe these new animals.
- Cleaning crates and organizing them in our storage space.
- Help wash dogs the morning of events (must become a volunteer specialist).

***** If you would like to help with any of these things, please email Kylie at Kylie@animalhouseshelter.com to get started**