

Volunteer Types at the Richardson Animal Shelter

If you are interested in one of these types, please complete our volunteer

orientation paperwork and tell us what volunteer type(s) you would like in your email.

- **Lost Pet Detective Volunteers:** These volunteers are for anyone and our youth volunteers (17 years and under). Job: Search our and other shelter sites, NextDoor, and FB Lost and Found groups to help reunite pets with their owners
- **Receptionist Volunteers:** These volunteers are for anyone. Job: Assist us with answering phones if an officer is busy assisting someone; you would also be helping to draw up vaccinations and preparing kennels for incoming pets, assist shelter and administrative staff with mail outs, making adoption bags, data entry, and more
- **Clinic Volunteers:** These volunteers are college students looking to work with animals or vet techs who need hours; Job: Help prep/shave pets for S/N (spay/neuter), hold them for sedatives and check for breathing as they are waking up, make adoption folders, prepare, or bring pets to kennels, etc. *(Available for AM time only; need to be here around 8 AM)*
- **Foster Social Media Volunteers:** These volunteers are for anyone. Job: Schedule foster coming in for checkups or S/N, let fosters know when they are due for boosters of vaccines, etc., gather supplies for foster and prep them at the front desk, and respond to messages from fosters on social media
- **Behavioral Volunteers:** These volunteers are for anyone working with a dog training facility or working to become a dog trainer certified. Job: Go over basic commands and let staff know about behaviors that we need to keep an eye on (We would like if our dogs to gain the Good Dog or Citizen certification)
- **Grant Volunteers:** These volunteers are for college students or for anyone who is familiar with writing grants. Job: Write grants to different organizations to help us cover medical costs for heartworm or emergency surgeries, etc.
- **Shelter Ambassadors:** These volunteers are for anyone. Job: Ask local shops if they can post flyers which you would make and need to be approved, Write Bios for our pets, spread the word about our shelter to schools and families, and assist/present with other volunteers at events. Spread the word! Help us solicit donations and sponsorships from the business community. Distribute RAS literature and event flyers to businesses in your community.
- **Dog Adopter Assistant:** These volunteers monitor potential adopters while they are looking to adopt dogs or puppies, ensuring our clients and animals are safe! Assist potential adopters with any questions they may have about adopting. Facilitate meet and greets at our shelter!
- **Cat Cuddler Attendant:** These volunteers will monitor potential adopters while they are looking to adopt cats or kittens, ensuring our clients and animals are safe! Assist potential adopters with any questions they may have about adopting. Facilitate meet and greets at our shelter!
- **Mini Mammal Buddies:** Rabbits, Guinea pigs and ferrets oh my! These volunteers monitor potential adopters while they are looking to adopt our small exotic animals, ensuring our clients and animals are safe! Pet and cuddle our mini mammals while they await new homes. Facilitate meet and greets at our shelter!
- **Pet Transporter:** These volunteers will assist the shelter by transporting our pets and/or wildlife to rehabilitator centers, shelters, or vet clinics.
- **Dog Bathers/Groomers:** These volunteers are for professional groomers or anyone with prior experience of at least 1 year of grooming dogs. Help our adoptable pets look their best by bathing and brushing them.