



FieldHaven Feline Rescue

Mission

Educating our community on responsible pet ownership while providing safe haven for cats and kittens in transition to new lives in permanent homes.

FieldHaven Feline Rescue Volunteer Opportunities

Animal Health Care Assistant: Assist Animal Care Managers with performing health examinations, treatments, preventative medicine and intake procedures.

Skills: Ability to efficiently handle and restrain cats and kittens. Computer skills to enter medical data into each cat's online medical record.

Time commitment: 2 – 3 hours per week

Adoption Counselor: Evaluate and screen potential adopters. Provide advice on the appropriate cat or kitten for individual situations. Many of our adoptions are done off-site at mobile adoption events.

Skills: Good communication and presentation skills. Must like people and animals. Ability to assist with transport of animals a plus.

Time commitment: 6 – 12 hours per month

Adoption Follow-up Calls: We often need volunteers to help us call recent adopters about how their adopted animal is adjusting to his or her new home and about their adoption experience at FieldHaven. We aspire to become a resource to our adoptables so that they stay in contact with us.

Skills: Likes to talk to people on the phone. Access to a computer and internet a must to enter data into our web-based management system.

Time commitment: 6+ hours per month

Cat Care at FieldHaven: Primarily responsible for helping clean and feed the animals in the morning and evening and helping to keep the animals clean and comfortable throughout the day.

Skills: Willingness to dig in and clean and feed throughout the shelter. Some physical labor involved. Cuddling kitties is a major perk of this job!

Time commitment: 8+ hours per month

Cat Socializer – Many of the cats or kittens that come to FieldHaven go through an adjustment period or they are semi-feral (wild) with a great chance of becoming adoptable with some time and attention. Socializing entails spending time with these kitties to coax them into becoming trustworthy of people and getting to know their traits that will help match them to an appropriate home.

Skills: Patience and a huge love of cats. Willingness to work with adoption counselors to match cats to the best home by logging notes on traits and characteristics.

Time commitment: 60 – 90 minutes per session

Education Outreach: We are establishing a Speaker's Bureau to conduct presentations to schools, civic groups, churches and other organizations interested in humane education and learning about the work we do at FieldHaven.

Skills: Good speaking and presentation skills. Willingness to promote responsible pet ownership, especially spaying and neutering. Assist with development of presentation materials.

Time commitment: 6 – 8 hours per month

Event Support: Raising the many thousands of dollars necessary to continue our operations every year is a massive undertaking requiring dedicated volunteers. We need volunteers who are willing to help plan, organize and participate in special events and fund raisers in the community. Other jobs may include hanging posters, stuffing envelopes, and other short-term projects as needed.

Skills: Varies

Time commitment: Variable. This is perfect for people that may have busy schedules and cannot commit to a regular volunteer position

Foster Home: Help us rescue even more cats and kittens by being a foster parent. Fostering is helpful in a number of situations; Some cats will do better in a home environment, kittens that are too young to be adoptable, cat recovering from surgery or medical issues or when we're just plain too full at the shelter! Typically, a foster is for short term; a week to a month and we're very flexible depending on your needs. For example, if you're traveling the foster can come back to the shelter or another foster home while you're away.

Skills: Most important is love and concern for pets. Time and desire to socialize pets. Willingness to monitor the health and growth of foster cats and kittens. Provide a clean living environment and daily care.

Time commitment: Approximately 1 hour per day but variable depending on the number of fosters and care required.

Fundraising - Work on various fundraising projects, implement programs to raise funds, scout out fundraising opportunities.

Skills: Organizational skills a must. Ability to approach people and businesses to ask for donations. Ability to mobilize volunteers for fundraising opportunities.

Time commitment: 6+ hours per month

Marketing Support and Media Relations: Assist with developing and updating our marketing materials and maintaining the consistency of our message and image. Finding opportunities to get our name in the press by writing articles, press releases, etc. Helping to use animals stories effectively to generate donations, adoptions and media attention. Assist with content for website.

Skills: Ability to use software to create collateral. Good writing and communication skills.

Time commitment: 6+ hours per month

Phone Support: Retrieve messages from voice mail and triage to appropriate staff. Assist with returning calls and disseminating information.

Skills: Access to a computer with internet to access our web-based shelter management software.

Time commitment: 6+ hours per month

Promoting Mature Cats: FieldHaven's Mature Cats for Mature People program promotes the adoption of senior cats (over 6 years of age) by waiving the adoption fee for seniors adopting a senior cat. Another aspect of this program is to place mature cats in care facilities. We need volunteers to help implement all aspects of this program by investigating opportunities and venues for mature cat adoptions, taking cats to be "interviewed" at care facilities, and following up with adoptions.

Time commitment: 6+ hours per month

Spay Clinic Courier – Usually once or twice a week we have cats to drop off and pick up at the spay/neuter clinic in Auburn. Many of these are scheduled visits but often we need someone on short notice.

Time commitment: 1 ½ - 2 hours round trip for drop-off or pick-up

TNR Team – This is the group of people that coordinate trapping feral colonies and other stray cats in Lincoln. It involves setting traps, checking traps, coordinating transportation to the spay/neuter clinic and recovering post-surgically before release.

Skills: Ability to set and check traps at multiple locations. Transporting traps, cages and feral cats.

Time commitment: Varies