

ADOPTION AMBASSADOR

DUTIES: Adoption Ambassadors are involved in very important work placing companion animals into permanent, loving and responsible homes. Duties may include showing animals to potential adopters, assisting the public in selecting a companion animal, communication with Adoption Coordinator, counseling potential adopters on expectations, animal behavior, needs, etc., and educating the public on responsible pet guardianship.

GOAL OF POSITION: To find forever homes for our shelter animals that are good match for both the animals and the people involved.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must have the ability to work well with both people and animals; strong interpersonal and communication skills; a strong desire to learn as much as possible about the emotional and physical needs of a wide variety of animals; a willingness to educate; and good physical agility & strength. Must be at least 18 years of age. We do require a mask for all volunteers, as well as submitted proof of a COVID vaccination card. 20 hours of completed volunteer service is required to fill this position.

EMOTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS: Due to your efforts, many animals will be adopted into good and loving homes. However, there will be challenges in terms of adopters' expectations of our animals and our adoption process. It is important to be able to steer adopters in the direction of an animal that is a proper fit for their home. Occasionally an adoption may even be declined based on a pet owner's history. Conversely, our philosophies may result in the approval of an adoption you may not personally agree with. All situations are treated as unique and sensitive- an open mind is a must.