



Volunteer Role Description

Cat Care Specialist Volunteer Effective January 2026

Cat Care Specialist Volunteers play a critical role in supporting the daily care and well-being of cats at Cat Care Society. This is one of the shelter's highest-need volunteer roles and is essential to maintaining clean, comfortable, and enriched living spaces for cats while they are in care.

Volunteers in this role work closely with the Animal Care Team to support daily care routines, observe cats' health and behavior, and help reduce stress by providing clean and well-maintained environments. This work directly supports cats' comfort, health, and readiness for adoption.

This role may be a good fit if you:

- Want to learn and participate in the daily tasks that keep cats healthy and comfortable
- Value cleanliness, sanitation, and attention to detail
- Are comfortable standing and bending for extended periods
- Are able to lift up to 40 pounds and carry supplies up and down one flight of stairs
- Are comfortable working around bodily fluids
- Are able to wear personal protective equipment as needed to follow contagion protocols
- Can observe and respect cat boundaries
- Are able to work independently while following established procedures

Key responsibilities include:

- Cleaning and sanitizing kennels and rooms to support cats' health and comfort
- Monitoring cats' daily habits and completing care cards to track health and behavior
- Reporting concerns or changes in behavior to Animal Care staff
- Assisting with Animal Care tasks such as setting up and breaking down kennels and rooms
- Washing and folding laundry and cleaning dishes as needed
- Restocking supplies including food bowls, litter boxes, blankets, and towels

Time & Place:

- This role is on-site at the Cat Care Society shelter in Lakewood, Colorado
- Available shifts are from 8:00-10:00 AM, 12:00-2:00 PM, and 2:00-4:00 PM daily
- Volunteers are supported by the Shelter Manager, Animal Care Team, and Volunteer Coordinator

Required Commitment:

- Completion of required volunteer training is required
- Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of one two-hour shift per week, with additional time welcome based on availability

I'm ready to start, what's next:

- Submit a volunteer application
- Participate in an interview with the Volunteer Coordinator
- Complete all required paperwork and background checks
- Receive approval for a regular volunteer shift
- Complete required training videos
- Attend in-person volunteer orientation
- Attend a hands-on training shift at the shelter

The perks of the position:

- Making a direct impact on cats' daily health, comfort, and well-being
- Supporting positive adoption outcomes through consistent care
- Representing Cat Care Society in a meaningful, hands-on way
- Receiving a volunteer discount in the Meow Mart
- Enjoying plenty of cat snuggles and serotonin boosts