

How to become involved at VCDAR!

1) Attend an Orientation:

Orientations are held on a one on one basis at this time and will need to be done when the Volunteer Coordinator is available. Once you have filled out an application and had an orientation, you may request to be added to the volunteer Facebook page, Vermilion County Animal Shelter Foundation Volunteers. During orientation volunteers will learn about VCDAR and ways they can help. You will also have your interview and tour of the facility as part of your orientation.

2) Attend an Interview & Shelter Tour:

Interviews will be done at the same time as your orientation. The Interview is our opportunity to match up skills and abilities with appropriate volunteer positions and answer any questions. Tour of the shelter will be after the interview.

3) Attend an Animal Handling Course:

Training classes are located on site and the animal shelter. These will be scheduled as needed. Date and time of classes can be found on our website and volunteer Facebook page.



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Dog Walker/Socializer

Walk dogs around grounds and spend time supervising while playing with and socializing dogs in large fenced in area. Or sit quietly with dog in kennel to encourage bonding and calmness. Brush and/or bathe dogs and record information about personalities and preferences on each animal and notify staff of any odd or new behaviors. **Important:** All dog handlers and socializers must attend an animal handling and training course.

Small Animal Socializer

Walk and/or interact with small animals in shelter or on grounds. Supervise while socializing dogs other animals, large or small. Play with small dogs, brush and/or bathe them and record information about personalities and preferences on each animal and notify staff of any odd or new behaviors. **Important:** All dog handlers and socializers must attend an animal handling and training course.

Cat Socializer

Provide human socialization and stimulation to shelter cats and kittens with positive interactions. Play with cats, brush them and record information about personalities and preferences on each animal and notify staff of any odd or new behaviors.

Foster Homes

Care for animals in your home. This position involves opening up your home to dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. Some animals have special needs and require special care.

Rescue Driver

Drive animals picked for rescue to the corresponding rescue shelter. Van and gas provided for transportation. Current State of Illinois license required.

Special Events

Help raise awareness and funds at special events. Put up signs and posters, set-up, take down at events, staff tables, solicit silent auctions items, and other tasks involved in a specific event. The Vermilion County Animal Foundation needs volunteers for adoption events.

Adoption Counselor

Help front desk staff and kennel staff match cats and dogs to prospective adopters, including assisting with 'meet and greet' between dogs and prospective adopters. Includes 'meet and greet' between current pets and potential adopted pets. Either scheduled or drop-in positions available. Prerequisite: Complete at least four as walker/socializer to become familiar with animals.

Building/Ground

Maintenance

Assist with general building and grounds maintenance, including maintaining plants beds and cleaning up grounds around the shelter in the spring and fall. Volunteers interested in building maintenance should possess fix-it skills.

Flyer Distribution

Help distribute flyers promoting our various events around Vermilion County. On most occasions, you would distribute flyers in the town of your choice.