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SpokAnimal C.A.R.E Volunteer Orientation

Mission Statement

SpokAnimal C.A.R.E. is dedicated to promoting kindness and consideration for animals through education to reduce pet overpopulation through sterilization and to establish programs and sheltering which meet national standards.

About SpokAnimal C.A.R.E.

SpokAnimal C.A.R.E. was incorporated in 1983 and had contracted with the City of Spokane for animal control since that time. We also contract with Stevens County, Pend Oreille County, CDA Tribal Housing, Tekoa, Cusick, LaCrosse, Waverly Spangle, Springdale Plummer, Rockford and Cusick. These contracts can include animal control, Cruelty investigations and /or housing. Currently we handle over 700 animals every month.

Programs

We offer a low-fee veterinary clinic that performs over 300 animal sterilizations monthly. In addition, we work with all are veterinarians to fulfill a sterilization contract with the City of Spokane for reduced fee sterilizations. This fund of approximately \$120,000 is raised annually through the sale of city pet licenses.

SpokAnimal C.A.R.E. serves as the regional disaster team leader, HEART (Humane Evacuation and Rescue Team.) We have handled fires, ice storms, flooding and hazardous waste contamination. We received the Lifesavers Award from the American Red Cross for the work we do in this area.

Our education department visits area schools and preschools, teaching children kindness and proper care of pets. We visit area nursing homes and hospitals for pet therapy programs. We have received awards for the work we do in this area.

We have been doing wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and release since 1984. We hold permits from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington State Wildlife Department and Certification from the National Society for the Preservation of Birds of Prey.

We also offer training for those interested in dog handling, especially useful working with shelter dogs. It is offered once a month on the first Friday at 6:30PM if you are interested in attending you need to sign up in advance as it is not held at the shelter and we need to provide you with an admission coupon that identifies you as a SpokAnimal volunteer. It's a great class and we have had nothing but positive feedback from volunteers who have attended.

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HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER

You must be 15 years of age or have a parent/guardian accompany you at all times to become a volunteer. All volunteers are required to complete a volunteer application. You must attend a short orientation where you will be given detailed information about our shelter and volunteer program. You will also have the opportunity to sign up for the program (s) in which you would like to participate. At the time of the orientation, each new volunteer is asked to pay a one-time fee of \$15.00-junior or \$25.00 adult. This fee covers your SpokAnimal C.A.R.E. T-shirt and helps defray the cost of our insurance to have you here.

VOLUNTER OPPORTUNITIES

Foster Care

Care for shelter animals in your own home. These animals are future adoption candidates that are too young or ill at the time of receipt for adoption. If the pet is sick, SpokAnimal C.A.R.E. provides all medication. All pets will be booked out on the computer and returned to the shelter with the paperwork at the end of foster care. If the animal is not returned, you will be charged an adoption fee. Classes and information are offered for those interested.

Cat Cage Sanitation

Maintain a healthy and sanitary environment for the cats. This job includes assisting in cleaning litter pans, thoroughly disinfecting cages and feeding. It is also important to take time to hold, brush and play with the cats for socialization.

Kennel Care

Assist potential adopters, exercise dogs and puppies, wash food and water dishes, clean kennels and scrub kennel fencing, help with feeding, watering and basic grooming as needed. Dogs must be walked on a leash and kept under control with no jumping, running or digging. Dogs must always be cleaned up after when outside.

Adoption Counselor

Match animals with adopters who are looking for a particular breed or breed mix, personality traits, specific size, age, or sex. Inform adopters about both the good and negative traits of particular breeds. Share resource materials with adopters on breed and behavior. Question potential owners on lifestyle, to assist in making that perfect match by using the ASPCA's Meet Your Match Program. Training is provided on the Meet Your Match Program to help you help shelter animals find forever, loving homes.

Off Site Adoptions

Assist adopters with choosing a pet, fill out adoption paperwork and license applications. If working a retail store, volunteers must follow those establishments' policies at all times. We have many off site events throughout the year. Training provided, and if interested you must sign up in advance.

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Special Events

Represent SpokAnimal C.A.R.E. at community events and fundraisers. The variety of tasks at each event includes, but is not limited to: planning, phone calls, mailings, set-up, teardown, and evaluation. Assist with one event or several throughout the year.

Office Assistant

Assist with mailings, sorting clerical duties, computer work, data entry, answering phones, copying, stocking forms and supplies, etc.

Maintenance

Inside and outside maintenance includes, but is not limited to: emptying wastebaskets, washing walls and windows, organize recycling projects, vacuuming, cleaning restrooms, mowing lawns, plant care and maintaining parking lots.

Shelter Dog Training

Make shelter dogs more adoptable by teaching them skills such as basic commands, politeness, working on a leash, confidence, etc. (Additional training provided)