



WPCAS Community Outreach Team

The Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter (WPCAS) encourages the involvement of volunteers, at all levels of our agency. Volunteers work in partnership with salaried staff to improve the bonds between humans and animals, increase the number of animals with loving homes, keep the community safe, and offer a municipal service of excellence. Our volunteer family is part of what makes our shelter GREAT!

Team Impact

Community outreach is the first step in building and encouraging a healthy and responsible pet community.

Key Responsibilities & Roles

Volunteers may choose to assist at adoption events, tabling, the speaker's bureau, or all

- Guide event visitors in viewing and selecting appropriate pets for adoption
- Transporting animals to and from offsite adoption events
- Make community presentations on responsible pet ownership and WPCAS services and volunteer opportunities as part of the WPCAS the Speaker's Bureau
- Staff tables or booths at community events, festivals, and fairs
- Distribute fliers and other marketing materials throughout the local community

In addition, some members of this team act as Team Leader(s) who coordinate events, help their team coordinate schedules, locate resources, and solve problems.

Location

This team works out in the community; their schedule is determined by the event calendar
403 Hickory Lane, Weatherford, TX 76086

Time Commitment & Length of Appointment

Volunteers serve flexible shifts, set to meet event dates and their needs

Shift days and times vary

The minimum time commitment is 8 hours per month. Because we rely on volunteers to fully staff the WPCAS team at events, we ask volunteers to commit to **at least 6 months of service**, or one semester for students.

Skills & Qualifications

All you need is an outgoing personality and a willingness to help animals find loving homes

- Provide exceptional customer service to all event visitors
- Willingness to positively represent WPCAS and follow adoption guidelines
- Guide the public in viewing and selecting appropriate pets for adoption
- Distribute fliers and explain current volunteer opportunities with interested people
- Complete at least 6 months of service, in another WPCAS volunteer role, with at least 8 hours of service per month



Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter (WPCAS) Volunteer Team Position Description

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ANIMAL SERVICES

- Willingness to educate and communicate the Shelter's mission and goals in building a healthy and responsible pet community.
- Willing to acknowledge expertise and accept difficult, sometimes unpopular, decisions staff must make.

Training and Support

Volunteers on this team work together to cover all adoption, public speaking, and outreach events in the local community. They help raise awareness of WPCAS services, animals in need, and volunteer opportunities. They also help educate the public on responsible pet ownership in order to reduce the number of animals who enter into care at the shelter. The Speaker's Bureau works with staff to develop educational presentation and materials that engage the public, adults and children alike.

For the most part, most volunteers work independently with their team. Also, volunteers will have a **staff point person** they can connect with if they have questions or concerns. We also offer **monthly updates and refresher training** throughout the year. Volunteers are welcome to pursue other **leadership opportunities** at WPCAS after completing their term of commitment.

Benefits for Volunteers

Volunteering with WPCAS is designed to be a **fun and rewarding experience**. Many volunteers are surprised to find they get as much as they give.

Here are just a few of the **many benefits**:

- Have a positive impact** on the health and wellbeing of animals in need
- Feel good** about giving back to the community
- Meet like-minded people** who want to make a real difference
- Learn more** about how to properly care for and handle animals
- Stay up-to-date** on the many changes that happen in the animal welfare field
- Grow** and hone your customer service skills
- Meet requirements** for student community service hours
- Reduce stress** by working directly with animals in a fun environment

How to Join in 2 Simple Steps!

- 1) Complete 6 months of service in a beginner volunteer role (e.g., Animal Care Team or Customer Care Team).
- 2) Ask the Animal Shelter Manager or Team Leader what you need to do to apply for the new team.

Contact Us With Any Questions

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