



Frequently Asked Questions about Volunteering at HSPC

Where can I find out more information about volunteering at HSPC?

Go to our website, www.hspcwi.org, go to the How To Help tab, choose Become a Volunteer. There you will find all of the information about the various volunteer positions we have available.

I am not 18, can I still volunteer?

We welcome anyone 18 years or older who would like to volunteer their time and is interested in making a difference. Persons under the age of 18 can volunteer if accompanied by an adult that has completed our volunteer orientation. Your parent or legal guardian must sign a liability release for you.

How do I sign up to become a volunteer?

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When is the next volunteer orientation?

Volunteer orientation is held every third Thursday of the month from 5:00 to 6:30 but we also offer classes at different times. Once you sign up as a volunteer you will receive emails regarding these other classes. The best way to stay up to date is to follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hspcwi/events as they are announced there first.

Do I have to commit to a certain number of hours to volunteer?

Because of the time involved in training and the fast paced environment the shelter is, we ask that volunteers be able to commit to 4 hours of service per month for a 3 month commitment to the shelter. A 3 month commitment can take on many forms and we will work with interested individuals to develop a schedule that works for both parties. Current volunteers average 4 hours per month and shifts are offered daily 8:00-5:00 PM & 7:00-9:00PM or Saturdays and Sundays 8:00-3:00 PM.

When can I volunteer?

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I was a volunteer before, but I haven't volunteered in a while. Do I have to go through orientation again?

Yes. Everyday volunteers help improve the lives of animals at HSPC! Each volunteer plays a vital role in the success of our shelter. Due to the time involved in training and continual changes that happen at the shelter, we ask that volunteers commit to at least 4 hours a month for 3 months to stay an active volunteer. Volunteers who do not meet this requirement will need to re-attend orientation and any other training that had been obtained to become an active volunteer again. This is to ensure that you are kept up to date on changes that are made at the shelter and that you don't forget what you've already learned.

I am a student who doesn't live in the area over the summer, do I have to go through orientation again when I return in the fall?

No, but please let us know the dates you will be gone by contacting the Volunteer Coordinator via email at volunteer.coordinator@hspcwi.org. That way when you return you can check back and be updated on any changes you may have missed over the summer and have a brief refresher course.

I leave for a few months over the winter, do I have to go through orientation again when I return?

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