

Why Should I Volunteer?

Every year more than 90,000 animals are helped by the Humane Society of Missouri. We have many dedicated staff members, but *we cannot do it alone!*



Can My Child Volunteer?

The Humane Society of Missouri offers special volunteer opportunities for children ages 10 - 13 including:

- *Pet Marketer
 - Creating unique ways of attracting adopters to our shelter animals
- *Wish List Drive Coordinator
 - Organizing and running a drive to gather items on our Wish List to help our shelter animals
- *Greeter
- *Volunteer or Education Department Assistant

PLEASE NOTE: Children falling within this age group must have a parent or legal guardian with them while volunteering.

We also have opportunities for students completing service learning hours.

Where Can I Volunteer?

St. Louis City Headquarters
1201 Macklind Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110

Westport Area Center
2400 Drilling Service Drive
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Chesterfield Valley Center (Boone's Crossing)
17357 Edison Avenue
Chesterfield, MO 63005

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch
Union, MO

For more information call or email

Laura Renner, Volunteer Manager

**314-951-1577 or
laura.renner@hsmo.org**



The Humane Society of Missouri is dedicated to second chances. We provide a safe and caring haven to all animals in need-large and small-that have been abused, neglected or abandoned. Our mission is to end the cycle of abuse and pet overpopulation through our rescue and investigation efforts, spay/neuter programs and educational classes. We are committed to creating lasting relationships between people and animals through our adoption programs. We further support that bond by making available world-class veterinary care, and outstanding pet obedience and behavior programs.

Volunteer Today...



***and get that
warm, fuzzy feeling
all over.***



How Can I Help?



Volunteers are needed for the following:

Adoption Counselor - Assist adopters in choosing the right pet. *Must be at least 18 years old.*

Shelter Assistant - Assist with day to day shelter needs such as cleaning, laundry, and assembly of beds/litter boxes. *Must be at least 14 years old.*

Behavior Helpline - Provide counseling to pet owners with animal behavioral problems. *Must be at least 18 years old.*

Administrative - Assist departments with mailings, data entry, filing, etc. *Must be at least 14 years old.*

Humane Educator - Educate children and adults about our mission and how to humanely treat and care for animals. *Must be at least 18 years old.*

Foster Parent - Care for animals with special needs in your home until they are ready for adoption. *Must be at least 18 years old.*

Gift Shop - Assist customers with purchases. *Must be at least 18 years old.*

Greeter - Welcome the public to the shelters and answer questions. *Children as young as 10 are eligible for this opportunity.*

Pet Pal - Exercise and socialize dogs waiting for adoption. *Must be at least 16 years old.*

Ranch Assistant - Assist in the care for the animals at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. *Must be at least 16 years old.*

Ranch Groomer - Assist in grooming and exercise of horses under the supervision of the Ranch Trainer. *Must be at least 16 years old.*

Special Events - Help staff with special events at various times throughout year. *Age restrictions vary.*

Bark in the Park - Assist before and during the event to make the Humane Society of Missouri's largest fundraiser a success. *Must be at least 16 years old.*

How Do I Become a Volunteer?

Step 1: Attend Volunteer Orientation.

Orientation will review the history of the Humane Society of Missouri as well as introduce you to the volunteer opportunities available.

This is a free session lasting 45—60 minutes.

Volunteer Orientation Dates for St. Louis City and Westport Adoption Centers

Jan. 10 at 9:00 am	Jun. 9 at 7:00 pm
Feb. 10 at 7:00 pm	Aug. 8 at 9:00 am
Mar. 7 at 9:00 am	Sep. 10 at 7:00 pm
Apr. 9 at 7:00 pm	Oct. 7 at 7:00 pm
May 2 at 9:00 am	Nov. 14 at 9:00 am

**Orientation will be held in the Lecture Hall of the St. Louis City Center.*

Volunteer Orientation Dates for Chesterfield Valley Adoption Center

Jan. 17 at 9:00 am	Jul. 18 at 4:30 pm
Mar. 16 at 6:30 pm	Sep. 7 at 6:30 pm
May 11 at 6:30 pm	Nov. 2 at 6:30 pm

**Orientation will be held in the Training Center of the Chesterfield Valley Center.*

Step 2: Stay for HSMO Training.

If you decide that you would like to volunteer, additional training will immediately follow Orientation. Training lasts approximately 90 minutes.

A \$10 training fee is requested which includes all printed materials and a volunteer t-shirt.

Notes:

*Those interested in volunteering at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch may attend orientation at either St. Louis City or Chesterfield Valley Center or contact Linda at 636-583-8759 to arrange for orientation at the Ranch.

How Do I Become a Foster Parent?

After attending Volunteer Orientation, you must attend one of the below Foster Care Orientations:

St. Louis City Center

Jan. 13 at 6:30 pm
Feb. 21 at 9:30 am
Apr. 16 at 6:30 pm
Jun. 11 at 6:30 pm
Sep. 16 at 6:30 pm
Nov. 18 at 6:30 pm

Westport Center

Mar. 19 at 7:00 pm
May 19 at 7:00 pm
Aug. 15 at 10:00 am
Oct. 15 at 7:00 pm

For more information on becoming a Foster Parent, call Sue Alkire at 314-802-5710.

Bark in the Park

Dozens of volunteers are needed for Bark in the Park, the Humane Society of Missouri's largest fundraiser!



Your time and effort will help put on a fun and exciting event for our community and help raise money to support the homeless animals cared for at the Humane Society of Missouri.

Volunteer opportunities are available leading up to and the day of Bark in the Park and include:

*Registration Volunteers

*Dog Handlers

*Walk Route Volunteers

*And many more!