



## PAWS/East Bay Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are the heart and soul of PAWS/East Bay, and volunteer opportunities are plentiful and diverse. On-going, weekly volunteer opportunities, monthly visits to deliver food or supplies, or temporary fostering of an animal are all possible.

### **In-Home Services**

In-home service volunteers travel to client homes in Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, Oakland or Richmond to care for and work with clients' animals on-site. There are a few different opportunities for in-home volunteering.

#### Dog Walking:

Volunteers on dog walking teams help walk dogs for those who are bed-bound or home-bound or who do not have the energy to exercise their dogs. We make an effort to pair volunteers up with clients who either live near them or near where they work. You would then go to that client's home once per week on a regular schedule (e.g. Tuesdays at 7pm), take the dog out for a walk, and then come back the next week at the same time. A general rule of thumb is that walks should last at least 45 minutes, but it depends on the health and ability of the dog. Volunteers are expected to walk the dog at least once per week, for a minimum six-month commitment. Dog-walking volunteers must be at least 18 years old, or accompanied by a parent who is also a PAWS/East Bay Volunteer.

#### Cat Care:

Volunteers on cat care teams clean cat litter pans for clients who are unable to clean the pan. Volunteers are responsible for one cleaning a week unless otherwise arranged. Similar to dog-walking, we try to pair volunteers up with clients who either live near them or near where they work. There is a minimum commitment of six months, and an age minimum of 18.

#### Grooming:

PAWS/East Bay also needs volunteers who can go to client's homes to clip nails, brush animals and provide other limited grooming activities as the volunteer feels comfortable. Volunteers for both cats and dogs are needed.

### **Pet Food Delivery**

Volunteers visit our warehouse to pick up pet food and deliver it to homebound clients. You must be capable of lifting 40 lbs or more. In addition, you must have a valid California driver's license and current liability insurance.

### **Temporary Foster Homes**

Sometimes, our clients are hospitalized or find themselves in a transitional situation which precludes them from having their animal at home. During such times we look for a short-term (1-4 weeks) foster care placement within a volunteer's home. Most often the need for a foster

home is immediate. All PAWS/East Bay client animals are spayed/neutered and PAWS/East Bay assumes all costs associated with pet food & supplies, as well as any veterinary services required while in foster care.

### **Animal Transport**

Volunteers are needed to pick up and deliver pets to veterinary and/or grooming appointments. You must have a valid California driver's license and current liability insurance. This volunteer opportunity will usually require a round trip. Appointments are generally during the work week, so we are mostly looking for volunteers who have daytime availability.

### **Community Outreach**

PAWS/East Bay is always looking to spread the word about our program, to bring in more clients, volunteers and donors, and to further the knowledge that the public has about pets with disabled owners, service animals, and the human-animal bond. Volunteers are needed who can sit at information tables at street fairs, animal events, pet stores, parks, busy street corners, and other places to hand out information about PAWS/East Bay and its programs and further awareness of the organization. If you enjoy chatting with people, this is a great way to spend a couple of hours. Outreach volunteers are most needed for Saturday and Sunday events, but occasionally for evenings, and during weekdays.

### **Fundraising**

Assist PAWS/East Bay by volunteering at special fundraising events. This area of volunteer work is best suited for individuals who enjoy working with the public. Types of volunteer activities might include: distributing PAWS/East Bay printed materials, event set-up, cashiering, bartending, supervising security, ticket taking, food service or supervising a volunteer station.

### **Pick-Up of Donated Goods**

PAWS/East Bay will occasionally receive donations of pet food and other related items that need to be picked up and brought to our warehouse. Let us know if you have a van, truck or SUV.

### **Office Work**

From time to time the PAWS/East Bay office has needs for volunteers who can assist in the office. Office volunteers would need to be available during weekdays.

Ready to get started? You can download a PAWS/East Bay volunteer application on our website, [www.berkeleyhumane.org](http://www.berkeleyhumane.org), or request one via email at [pawseb@berkeleyhumane.org](mailto:pawseb@berkeleyhumane.org).