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# VOLUNTEER TAILS

Helping Hands Humane Society

### **Upcoming Events**

### Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Saturday, April 9th at 12pm at HHHS in the Hill's Room

Please join us to celebrate HHHS Volunteers and the work they have accomplished

What Makes an Animal Adoptable? - Webinar and Presentation Series

Saturday, April 9th at 2pm at HHHS in the Hill's Room

### Paws In The Park

Saturday, April 23rd from 10am to 4pm at HHHS

### Warm Paws, Warm Heart Art Auction

May 21st to May 28th

All art must be submitted by May 18th. Gallery will be in the Hill's room.



### **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

Volunteers are one of the key elements that makes Helping Hands what it is. Volunteers are able to accomplish many great things in 2021;

108,391 hours of volunteering

318 volunteers

11,000 lbs of poop picked up

1000 dogs take to the play yard or socialization room

550 animals Fostered

209 animals sent to rescue

There is so much that volunteers help make possible that it is hard to list them all, but we will try!

Socialization of animals, sorting of donations, volunteer tour and training, cleaning tables and benches, picking up trash, making frozen Kongs, making enrichment toys, getting auction items, assisting with behavior assessments, fostering community involvement, entering microchips, fixing kuranda beds, planting cat grass, cleaning kennels...

There is so much that volunteers do, but the most important thing that they provide is the compassion and care that it takes to care for our community and the animals in need in it.

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### HHHS Dog Handling Program

The dog handling program at HHHS has recently been restructured, with the goal of providing more clarity and education to help provide the best of care for our dogs. We are following the suit of the structure of many other shelters and we have changed to a tiered system that has 3 levels.

#### Level 1:

Getting A Kennel dogs in and out of their kennels and to the play yard or socialization rooms

### Level 2:

Get adoptable dogs out of restricted kennels (b, c, and d)

Walk dogs off-premises

Handling dogs at off-site events

#### Level 3:

Get unavailable dogs out of the restricted kennels Form and oversee playgroups

Along with the new program structure, we have also created a new dog handling manual to serve as a reference guide. All of this was formed to help create a more cohesive and consistent program.

## Thank you for volunteering with HHHS!!!

Think we missed something!!! Please let us know. This newsletter is meant to be for volunteers, so if you feel that we have missed the mark, left something out, or have any other ideas, let us know.

Please forward all of you ideas and comments to Shelby Reich.

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