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Volunteer Tails

A Newsletter for Helping Hands Humane Society Volunteers



Paws in the Park

Thank you to everyone who came to and volunteered at Paws in the Park this year! It was a huge success, thanks to all of your help and donation. In total it made around \$24,282. In addition to the money that it made our community was also able to learn more about pit bulls and myths surrounding them, pet emergency plans, how to travel with your dogs safely, bunnies and how to care for them, and dog training. Attendees were also able to have fun at booths like the poorly drawn pet booth, sniffari booth, foster booth, kid games, kitty toy toss, and a photo booth, which were all volunteer ran. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped before the event that helped involve our adoptable dogs in this event and took every dog that has been here more than 40 days on a walk through the neighborhood.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Zoo Enrichment Presentation

May 5th, 3-5pm

in the Hill's room

Presenters from the Topeka Zoo will stop by and discuss the importance of animal enrichment and give new ideas on how to incorporate them into our shelter.

Shelter Pet Marketing for Maximum Impact webinar by HeARTs Speak

May 14th, 9:30-10:30am

Via zoom or in the Hill's room

A This workshop focuses on the easy-to-implement (and often fun!) ways to reach new audiences — with a focus on how strategically positive imagery, language, and bio writing can contribute towards larger lifesaving goals.

Warm Paws Warm Hearts Art Auction

May 21st-28th

in the Hill's room

All art must be submitted by may 18th.



Volunteer Appreciation Month

As April comes to a close we once again want to say how much we appreciate all the help volunteers provide. It is because of you that we are able to accomplish so many wonderful things in our shelter. It is hard to measure the amount of good volunteers do for our shelter because they are involved in almost every area of HHHS, but we do want to point out some of the amazing support and roles volunteers are apart of in the shelter.

Dog Walking
Cat Socializing
Kennel Cleaning
Photography
Videography
Cat Enrichment
Dog Enrichment
Dog Socializing
Enrichment Toy Making
Tour and Presentation Leading
Off-Site Events
Laundry
Cleaning
Organizing
Promotion of the Shelter
Fostering
Behavior Testing
Office Work

THANK
YOU

"Volunteers
don't get paid,
not because
they're
worthless, but
because they're
priceless."

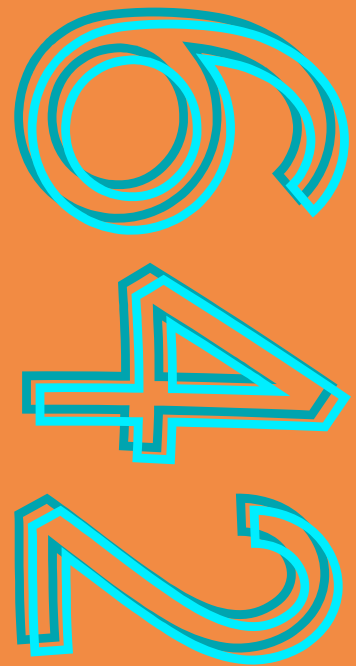
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Greetings volunteers! As springtime comes, it's been great to get out and about and see you all! Warm weather means walking dogs in the neighborhood, spring fundraisers, Food Truck Nights...kitten season, checking doors when we come in to the shelter for boxes of animals, and the breeze on your face in the play yard continuing to get many dogs out each day! It's a time to start thinking about summer goals - is volunteering more in your summer plans? Any new ideas for events and activities for the shelter to do? You are all such a wealth of resources for our shelter and we can't thank you enough for sharing your time and talents with us. One way to share your talents with us is via the art auction - I implore each of you to consider making something! Don't worry so much about if you think your work is "good enough" - it's about creating and making something that benefits the animals here. It's about thinking of the faces we help with each brush stroke or pen mark, and inviting your friends and family to bid on your piece to show off in their home the work that you did for a cause you care about! We'd love to have you and your work and your heart displayed in our gallery the month of May!

-Grace Clinton
Director of Business Development & Special Events



VOLUNTEER HOURS

This month, 72 volunteers contributed over 642 hours in service. We cannot thank you enough for all that you do in supporting the shelter!!!!



Think we missed something? 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 if there are any other ideas, let us know!

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