Drumheller & District Humane Society

Role Description: Cat Cuddler

Our Mission: To provide care for animals in need while advancing animal welfare through education, advocacy, and community support.

Our Vision: A humane and compassionate community where all animals are respected, valued, and given the care they deserve.

Volunteer Contributions: DDHS could not operate without the help of our volunteers. With only 2 part-time paid staff members we rely on the assistance of volunteers to care for the animals that need our help. Volunteers enhance the quality of life of our animals in care

Role: Cat Cuddler volunteers provide affection and socialization which directly increases adoptability and decreases animals stress while in our care

Responsibilities:

- Socialize with all cats in our care, especially those who are more timid. This can include chatting, petting, holding, and cuddling
- Handle cats safely and gently
- Brushing cats (depending on time & interest)
- Observe animals for any health problems and report to staff
- Adhere to DDHS safety and hygiene guidelines

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 16 years old, or if under 16 be accompanied by an adult
- Be reliable and attend the shifts you have committed to
- Be comfortable interacting with cats
- Have good communication skills, be friendly and personable
- Be comfortable with strong odors and the risk of bites and scratches
- Have the ability to navigate strong emotions such as seeing suffering and the loss of relationships with pets who are adopted
- Be able to observe and document animals presentation
- Volunteers cannot have allergies to cats
- Have the ability to both work in a team setting and independently with no supervision
- Be willing to give and take feedback
- Previous experience with animals is an asset but is not required

Time Commitment: scheduled or drop in shifts available Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 4PM-7PM and Saturday 11AM-4PM

Location: 31 Hy-Grade Crescent, Drumheller, Alberta T0J 0Y0

Benefits:

- Learn how to care for animals
- Make a direct impact in your community and to the animals who need forever homes
- References are provided when the minimum commitment is made
- Opportunity for advancement and further training