



## Canine Groomer/Bather

**Objective:** Provide sheltered dogs from the adoption area with baths/basic grooming.

### Duties

- ✿ Remove dog from kennel in adoptions and take to play area for elimination.
- ✿ Walk dog to outdoor HSP bathing area behind Main Street kennels.
- ✿ Use bathing procedures as outlined in HSP training
- ✿ Accurately and positively represent HSP views on animal welfare issues.
- ✿ Promote HSP fundraising events, activities, and programs

### Training

- ✿ Attend an Intro to Adult Volunteering session
- ✿ Complete Volunteer Application and Interview
- ✿ For canine activities read and develop comfort with the *Four Level Training Program for People and Dogs* by Kelly Gorman and Colleen Boyle
- ✿ Complete the appropriate Level of Open Paw proficiency for specific activity
  - Level 1- *Canines*, teach dogs to be quiet in their kennels and have good kennel presentation to the public.
  - Level 2- *Canines*, teach dogs to sit quietly while being leashed.
  - Level 3- *Canines*, dogs are taught to sit, down, stand, and watch, and to have good manners in greeting people, playing, and being handled.
  - Level 4- *Canines*, teaches dogs to walk nicely on a loose leash.
- ✿ Completion of HSP basic grooming training to give baths
- ✿ Completion of advanced grooming techniques to offer anal gland expressing and/or nail trimming.

**Commitment:** Behavior and Enrichment Volunteers must commit to a minimum of three hours every other week and fulfill calendar commitment.

**Volunteer Profile:** Must have a strong desire to improve the lives of sheltered animals. Must have had some type of animal handling and grooming experience *OR* completed extensive shadowing of experienced volunteers as guided by Volunteer Coordinator. Must be patient and understanding with people and animals. Must be willing to get dirty. Must have no unmanageable allergies to animals or chemicals. Must be able to form a strong, temporary bond with an animal (with the ability and willingness to break it when required) and be able to work independently on helping to acclimate the animal to different sounds, smells and conditions. Must be emotionally equipped to handle long-term residents and sometimes crowded conditions. Must have a desire to learn and be open to on the job training. Must be 18 years of age or older.

**Job Classification:** This job may involve any of the following physical parameters:

Physical Requirements:	Medium	Working Conditions:	Indoor/Outdoor
Bending:	Frequently	Sitting:	Occasionally
Squatting:	Frequently	Standing:	Frequently
Kneeling:	Occasionally	Walking:	Frequently
Climbing:	Occasionally	Lifting Weight:	0 to > 25 lbs
Reaching:	Occasionally	Repetitive Motion:	Fine Manipulations, Pushing/Pulling, Grasping

### **Volunteer Benefits**

- 🐾 Wags, licks, purrs and happy shelter residents.
- 🐾 Behavior and grooming experience.
- 🐾 Exposure to many different types and breeds of animals.
- 🐾 Enrich the lives of homeless animals.
- 🐾 Direct contribution to the rate of adoptable animals

**Supervision:** Direct supervision by Volunteer Coordinator with support of Animal Caretaker staff and Shelter Manager.