

Important Pre-orientation Information

BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF ALL VOLUNTEERS

Due to the nature of sheltering and the broad scope of animals and the behaviors we work with, ensuring safe and smooth operations is critical, therefore, ***all prospective volunteers must:***

- Be at least 18 years of age,
- Have the ability to work independently with sound mind and good judgment,
- Have good communication skills, including reading and writing,
- Be able to comprehend and follow directions and abide by shelter policies, procedures and rules,
- Be able to physically perform the role(s) in which they're interested in volunteering,
- Be able to effectively and professionally work with the public, staff and fellow volunteers, and,
- Have a positive attitude, and represent the shelter in a supportive manner at all times.

*NOT 18 YEARS OF AGE?

The shelter offers a limited enrollment volunteer program for teens 12-18 years of age called S.T.A.M.P. (Sacramento Teen Animal Membership Program). Orientations are generally held twice a year. For more information, please email SacCountySTAMP@hotmail.com or [connect with S.T.A.M.P. on Facebook](#).

SEEKING SCHOOL OR COURT-ORDERED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

We are currently unable to provide volunteering hours for school, including Senior Projects, or for animal behavior training schools, court-ordered community service. However, you may find applicable opportunities with one of these volunteer matching sites:

- [Regional Center for Volunteerism](#)
- [Volunteer Match Sacramento](#)
- [The Impact Foundry](#)

MINIMUM TIME COMMITMENT:

We can never have enough volunteers working with our animals or helping throughout the shelter, but we must fill training slots with those who can commit to our efforts to save lives. To best utilize training efforts, and to ultimately maximize volunteers' enjoyment and comfort in their position, as well as the benefits they provide our animals, we require a minimum commitment of 10 hours per month for at least 6 months.