



**THE ALPINE ANIMAL SERVICES SHELTER IS ALWAYS ACCEPTING
NEW VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THEIR TEAM.**

WHY VOLUNTEER?

The Alpine Animal Services shelter runs with the help of three Animal Services Officers on rotating shifts, one part time kennel worker, one supervisor and a small group of dedicated volunteers. The shelter usually houses up to anywhere from 40-80 animals at any given time. When the shelter is close to capacity, we find ourselves putting cleaning and answering calls at the top of our list of things to do with little to no time for enrichment for the animals, that is where volunteers come in. Animals thrive better in a shelter environment when they can get out of their kennels, stretch their legs, and interact with other animals and people. Enrichment is the key to a healthier, happier, and more adoptable animals.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- 1** Knowing that you are helping to better an animal's life will bring happiness and fulfillment to your life.
- 2** Walking dogs can provide great exercise for you which helps with body and mind.
- 3** Volunteering is great to put on a resume.
- 4** You may make some new friends along the way.
- 5** You may even find a new pet to welcome into your life.

We want our volunteers to get the most out of their experience at the shelter. Some people are better at other jobs or activities than others so finding your niche may be the first thing to do.

WHAT JOBS OR ACTIVITIES ARE NEEDED?

- 1 Cleaning help** is always needed and welcomed. We clean our shelter throughout the day with our main cleaning hours from 8-10am and 3-5pm 7 days a week. This includes but is not limited to our cat room, puppy room and large dog runs.
- 2 Dog walking.** Dog walking can be done between the hours of 9a-1p and 2p-5p 7 days a week. There are several places that dogs can be walked around the shelter including down the Old Marathon Hwy that the shelter is located on.
- 3 Play yard activities.** We have 3 play yards at the shelter that the dogs can be taken to for one-on-one play and for experienced/ trained volunteers, small play groups with other dogs.
- 4 Cat enrichment.** Brushing, playing with a fun toy or just some good old lap time and petting can enrich a shelter cats life tremendously.
- 5 Picture taking.** We are always in need of good pictures of the animals to promote them on our social media outlets and fliers. A picture is worth a thousand words sometimes and can make a world of difference to an animals adaptability.

Some people just cant come to the shelter, either it is a schedule conflict or maybe it is just too hard to see animals in a shelter environment. That's OK!

WHAT CAN YOU DO INSTEAD?

- 1 Donate.** The shelter is always in need of supplies whether it be food, cleaning supplies, cat litter, cat and dog toys, cat and dog treats. We also encourage you to donate to the Alpine Humane Society Thrift Store, they pay for our shelter animals food as well as spay/neuters and rabies vaccines. They also have a pet food pantry that for people in need of temporary need of pet food as well as help the community with spay/ neuter costs and some medical expenses. Big bend Pets is also a great place to donate. They help the community with spay and neuter of feral cats as well as help with feral cat deterrents.
- 2 Spay and neuter your pets.** Pet over population is a world wide issue. Shelters are full across the nation right now and the solution starts with us. Spaying and neutering your pet is a guaranteed way to help the over population of animals and euthanasia in shelters. Please reach out for assistance today.
- 3 Become a foster.** The Alpine Animal Services Shelter does not have a foster program through the shelter but we do have other entities in our area that do. Alpine Humane Society and Jethro Homeward Bound Pets are always looking for fosters and it is usually for a short stay.
- 4 Transport.** Sign up to be a contact to transport animals. Transport is a much needed service in our community because there are just not enough homes for the amount of animals. There are transports going at least once a month if not more.
- 5 Advocate.** When you see a post on social media share it. Spreading the word about an animal needing a home, foster, ride or even lost or found pets. This helps tremendously and gets animals out of the shelter fast or keeps animals out of the shelter all together.

CONTACTS

Alpine Animal Services: 432-837-9030 for volunteering, donations and adoptions.

Alpine Humane Society: 432-837-2532 for volunteering, adoptions, fostering, spay and neuter assistance and donations.

Big Bend Pets: 575-489-5932 for help with cat deterrents and trap neuter return for colony cats and donations.

Jethro Homeward Bound Pets: 432-294-1257 for fostering, adoption, transport and donations.

