Austin Humane Society Volunteer Task Description

Volunteer Position Title: Animal Socializer-CAT
Reports To: Volunteer Program Supervisor

General Purpose:
The general purpose of the Animal Socializer Volunteer is to work with our animals to keep them happy, healthy and well-socialized during their stay at AHS.

Essential Functions:
- Socialize cats in the cattery, colony rooms, and visitation rooms. This includes brushing, petting and playing with toys to give the cats time outside of their cages and encouraging proper play behavior.
- Interact with cats following the techniques and procedures outlined in trainings.
- Adhere to AHS procedures and protocols related to animal handling, disease control, cleanliness, etc.
- Communicate professionally and respectfully at all times with the general public, staff, and volunteers.

Dress Code:
- Closed toed shoes (no sandals or flip flops) with rubber soles for traction
- Long pants (jeans or similar, no shorts, no exposed leg)
- Long sleeved shirts (no tank tops, bare midriffs, or sleeveless tops)

Physical and Mental Requirements/Work Environment:
These are physical and mental requirements of the task as it is typically performed. Inability to meet one or more of these physical or mental requirements will not automatically disqualify a candidate from the position. Upon request for a reasonable accommodation, the Humane Society may be able to adjust or excuse one or more of these requirements, depending on the requirement, the essential functions to which it relates, and the proposed accommodation.

- Seeing
- Color Perception
- Clear Speech
- Touching
  - Dexterity
  - Hand
  - Finger
- Ability to move distances
- Hearing/Listening
- Pushing/pulling
- Lifting (specify)
- Carrying (specify)
- Driving (local/over the road)

Mental/Reasoning Requirements:
- Reading - Simple
- Writing - Simple
- Basic Math Skills
- Judgment/Decision Making
- Analysis/Comprehension

Work Environment:
- Works Alone
- Works with Others
- Outside
- Noise
- Mechanical Equipment
- Verbal Contact w/Others
- Face-to-Face Contact
- Exposure to animals
- Inside
- Electrical Equipment
- Hazardous Materials
- Pressurized Equipment
- Moving Objects
- Fumes/Odors
- Dirt Dust

Disclaimer:
The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by volunteers assigned to this classification. They are not intended as an exhaustive list of all duties and/or skills required of this position.