



Community Service Projects

Valley Humane Society (VHS) is a private non-profit organization that relies on the dedication and support of community volunteers in order to maintain services and operate programs. VHS is fortunate to have many volunteers willing to help us achieve our goals, and is pleased to offer students many ways to complete their mandatory community service hours.

To work directly with the animals, VHS asks for a 6 month commitment and a minimum of four hours per month from all new volunteers. However, the projects listed here do not require any commitment and can be done with no training. If you do wish to become a long-term volunteer for VHS, please attend a New Volunteer Orientation on the third Saturday of every month at 10AM at VHS. (You do not need to attend the orientation to do the projects listed here.)

Once you have decided on a project, please contact our office and let us know what you will be doing. **You will be responsible for recording your own hours from start to finish.** Once your project is complete, you can submit your results to a VHS representative for sign-off.

Remember...the projects listed below are just a guideline. We're always open to new ideas!

Green team

We are so darn busy taking care of the dogs and cats, our shelter can sometimes look a little “ruff.” Sign up for the Green Team and help keep our shelter grounds and landscaping looking spiffy.

Pick up a Green Team flyer at VHS for more details.

Keepin' It Clean

Laundry: A never-ending story of rinse cycles and permanent press. Each load of laundry (*washed, dried, and folded*) is worth 2 hours of community service (that's 3 loads = 6 hours to you). Please be sure that you return the laundry **completely dry**, and use low-perfume soap if possible. Laundry can be picked up and dropped off at any time from the small storage bins in our parking lot labeled...you guessed it: “Laundry.” We put it out there marked **Dirty**. Please change its name to **Clean** when you return it, using a piece of paper (with your name and phone number) securely attached to the bag. *If these steps are not followed, you may not receive proper credit.*

Licensed Donation Driver

Organize a donation drive to collect stuff VHS needs. Ask your neighbors, local businesses, or church members to help! You can get the list on-line at www.valleyhumane.org. Click Donate, then Wish List. We can always use: cat & dog food, liquid hand soap, paper towels, Clorox wipes, Gerber brand baby food (meat flavors), cat litter, cardboard cat scratchers, warm fuzzy blankets, white and colored copy paper, and stamps.

An example of a Wish List project letter can be picked up at VHS.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Recycle stuff for ca\$h. Cans, bottles, used printer cartridges, old cell phones. Not only will you be helping to save homeless animals, you'll be saving the environment- score!

Paw Patrol

Take it to the streets! Help VHS advertise upcoming events and fundraisers by distributing flyers within the community. Hang posters in local businesses. Contact us for information on upcoming events that need a shout out.