



# Valley Humane Society Volunteer Job Description

## Pet Therapy

### **Major Objective**

Visit local nursing homes, hospitals, schools, and rehabilitation center with your personal animal

### **Responsibilities**

Serve as an ambassador for the VHS mission and organization  
Provide comfort and joy to the patients and staff of these facilities  
Participate in outreach events as a representative of VHS

### **Qualifications**

A friendly and positive attitude, reliable and responsible manner  
A polite, well-socialized animal that has received basic obedience training  
Professional appearance and common courtesy habits  
Minimum of 18 years of age  
Ability to transport yourself and your animal to and from facilities you visit  
A dedication to the Valley Humane Society mission

### **Training**

Attend VHS volunteer orientation  
Complete the Pet Therapy Health Check Certificate for your animal\*  
Behavior Assessment for your animals performed by the Program Director  
Supervised on-the-job training with a trained Pet Therapy volunteer

### **Time and Place**

Pet Therapy can occur anytime a shift is available, weekdays or weekends

### **Commitment**

Four hours per month  
Minimum 6 month commitment

### **Supervisors**

Program Director

### **Benefits**

Personal satisfaction and education  
Improvement in human relation skills  
Watching your animal give happiness and comfort to those in need

\*There is a separate manual for potential Pet Therapy volunteers  
Please note that not all animals are suitable for the Pet Therapy program