



Cat Connection Caretaker Volunteer Description

Objective:

Volunteer Cat Caretakers are needed at Cat Connection to help keep our feline residents healthy, comfortable, and content. This role focuses on daily care tasks that support both the cats' physical well-being and their emotional enrichment- volunteers in this position play a vital part in creating a clean, safe, and stress-free environment for the cats and our guests!

Goodwill's Cat Connection is located at 1731 O St. Volunteers shifts are available twice a day (morning/evening) to care for the cats (cleaning, feeding, socializing, etc) while they are at Cat Connection waiting for their new home!

AM Duties:

- Refresh water stations and ensure all cats have access to clean drinking water.
- Assist with scheduled feeding, following portion guidelines and monitoring appetite changes.
- Scoop and tidy litter boxes; restock litter as needed.
- Clean and reset cat rooms, enrichment areas, and resting spaces.
- Monitor cats for any signs of stress, illness, or unusual behavior and report concerns to staff.
- Follow all cat café safety, sanitation, and handling protocols.

PM Duties:

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Qualifications:

Must have prior experience around cats

Must be able to take direction from staff regarding protocols

Must have availability between the hours of 8am and 10am and/or 3pm and 6pm

Ability to perform physical labor and lift up to 30lbs

Comfortable with cleaning supplies, litter, and general animal care tasks.

Able to work independently once trained

Reliable, detail-oriented, and able to follow care guidelines consistently

Minimum Time Requirement:

4 month commitment: Once every other week for 2 hours

Training Requirement:

- Complete virtual New Volunteer Orientation
- Complete virtual Intro to Shelter Cats training
- Learn cat cleaning procedure from staff
- Ongoing training as needed