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### **Animal Care Volunteer (Small Species)**

**Summary:** The Oakville and Milton Humane Society (OMHS) has a wide variety of residents who fall under the umbrella of small species but we most commonly have rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, rats, turtles and birds. Our animal care volunteers help us keep smaller species in our shelter healthy and safe.

Our animal care volunteers are responsible for cleaning and setting up animal enclosures while also playing an active part in our shelter's efforts to monitor the well-being of some of the smaller species here at the OMHS.

An essential part of your daily routine involves providing for the comfort of pets by ensuring their immediate environments are comfy and clean. This is done by cleaning and setting up the animal enclosures as well as ensuring the cleanliness and sanitation of any other common areas where small species are socialized.

A love for animals and the ability to warmly welcome and care for a wide variety of pets is essential to this role.

### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

- Following OMHS protocols
- Observing small species for any possible health or behavior concerns and reporting those concerns to OMHS animal care workers.
- Ensuring all small species are safely handled and relocated while their enclosures are cleaned.
- Ensuring animal enclosures are clean, sanitary, and set up in a way that will ensure the mental and physical health of small species in the shelter.
- Ensure any required paperwork is successfully filled out
- Other duties specifically around the care of small species

### **Requirements**

- Must be dependable and punctual
- Be self-directed, willing to take initiative, and detail-oriented
- Must complete a criminal background check
- Ability to follow OMHS protocols
- Respect and maintain confidentiality of OMHS volunteers, partners, and donors
- Must genuinely enjoy working with animals even when they are stressed, ill or in pain.
- Perform physical duties including repetitive standing, walking, bending and twisting.
- Must be able to grasp, hold and manipulate objects.

- Must be able to respond calmly and quickly to frequent auditory signals, warnings, or communication from other staff or animals.
- Must be able to work unaffected in an environment where dogs are barking loudly and continuously.

### **Training & Supervision**

- Attends general volunteer orientation
- Attends a volunteer tour of the OMHS shelter
- Receives on-site training and supervision from OMHS' animal care team.

### **Time Commitment**

- We have shifts available 7 days a week between 9:00am and 11:00am.

### **Animal Care Volunteer Benefits**

- Free parking if needed.
- Volunteer work experience.
- On-site training pertaining to animal care and handling.
- Interaction with numerous animals of various species and breeds from all walks of life.
- Knowledge that you are helping to ensure small species at OMHS stay happy, healthy and safe.

We can't do it without you! Thank you for being part of our team.