

Ways to help at the shelter:**1) Animal Care**

- Dog Walking
- Feline Enrichment
- Lovebugs
- Cleaning & Laundry
- Foster
- Vet Tech Student

**2) Administrative and Maintenance**

- Reception & Clerical
- Photography & Marketing
- Grounds & Maintenance

3) Animal Behavior

- MYM Canine Profiler
- MYM Feline Profiler

Upcoming Volunteer Orientation Class Schedule:

- Friday, **Sept 9th** at 4:00pm
- Wednesday, **Oct 5th** at 4:00pm

Upcoming Volunteer Dog Training Orientation Schedule:

- Friday, **Sept 16th** at 4:00pm
- Wednesday, **Oct 12th** at 4:00pm

These are held throughout the day. Please call the shelter for available time slots.

PHS VOLUNTEER FORM**Shelter Update:**

Welcome Back Students!! We look forward to working with all of our returning students again throughout the upcoming year. We would also like to welcome any new incoming students who would like to help out. We will be hosting a Volunteer Open House on Sept 9th from 1-4pm. Please stop by and get signed up to become one of our valued volunteers. The shelter couldn't run without each and every one of you!

**Fundraising & Outreach:****Centerplate**

It's that time of year again! PHS is looking for volunteers to help us with the upcoming Centerplate fundraising events! Anyone 16 years or older can volunteer.

Volunteers are needed for Oktoberfest on **October 1st & 2nd** and for Flaming Leaves Festival on **October 8th & 9th**. Contact the shelter or email Betty at bjwolf@ix.netcom.com to sign up or for more information.

**Best Friends Thrift Store**

***** **Volunteers Needed!!*******

- ❖ The thrift shop is run by volunteers, and we need YOU to lighten the load of some regular folks who need a break. Cashiers and stockers needed.

If you can't do it, think of friends and relatives and spread the word. Work as little as just 3 hours a week and make a huge impact on the store!

Please call Bonnie at 353-2847 or 244-0331 for more info.

- ❖ For the month of September Best Friends is giving all **students 10% off their purchase**. There is new stock daily, so check back often.


Friends of Potsdam Humane Society (FOPHS)**Wine for Wags Fall Tour - October 22nd**

FOPHS will be hosting their second wine tour on Saturday October 22nd. We have had an overwhelming response to this event and our bus is full! We thank you all for your support of our fundraising efforts. We couldn't have these great events without your support!



Dog Park

The Potsdam Community Dog Park has been working to fell more dead trees, clear up the forest floor, and get ready for opening!

WORK PARTY:  **September 11th** starting at 9:30am! We welcome help for Owen Norquest, age 14. Owen is a Boy Scout earning his Eagle Certification by cleaning up and fencing the shelter area for the PHS dogs. Gates are up, now we just need people to help his crew with actual fencing! (Bring gloves and eye protection.) Water and snacks provided, and lunch provided if the day runs that long. Time Warner Cable News will be interviewing and filming that morning!

Join the dog park mailing list for more work dates: www.potsdamdogpark.org, or email us at contact@potsdamdogpark.org.

Visit us on Facebook for photos and updates: <https://www.facebook.com/communitydogpark/>. Thanks for helping us create a safe, social, and lively dog park, the first in the North Country.

Monetary & Item Donation:

1) [Animal Shelter "Wish List"](#) – Your generous donation of any of the items on our wish list will go a long way toward improving the lives of animals the Potsdam Humane Society serves. Even the smallest items are greatly appreciated! Please drop them off at our Animal Shelter at 17 Madrid Ave. on Mon – Sat from 1 – 4 p.m.

2) Looking for a way to support the shelter but don't have a lot of time. Why not give back to the shelter every time you take your own pups for a walk. Download the "Walk for a Dog" app at <http://www.wooftrax.com/> and choose PHS as your shelter of choice. Wooftrax will give PHS a small amount for every mile you track.

Dog Training Classes

PHS is hosting DOG TRAINING CLASSES with Happy Tails Dog Training. Classes are \$10. For additional information, or to sign up, Please contact the shelter (315) 265-3199 as spaces are limited. Classes take place on Saturdays from 10am-12pm. Friendly dogs are welcome.

September 17th – Basic Obedience II (Wait, Watch Me, Drop It, Go To Place)

Check back next month for more classes!

Featured Job of the Month:

Dog Walking

Fall is here and many of our volunteer dog walkers are heading back to college. Our dogs are so happy your back and are looking forward to their daily walks. If you are a new student in the area and are interested in volunteering to provide the dogs with a playful companionship and training that will help land them the home of their dreams stop in at the shelter today!

Key Responsibilities

- 1.) Safely provide the animals in our care with a relaxing or playful experience.
- 2.) Help ensure that all dogs up for adoption have an opportunity to enjoy time outside.
- 3.) Feel free to take videos or photos with your phone (or camera) while spending time with the adoptable dogs and post them to our Facebook Page! The more exposure for the pups– the better!

Qualifications

- 1.) Volunteers must be over the age of 16 years of age to handle adult dogs at PHS.
- 2.) Volunteers must have attended the Volunteer Orientation and Dog Walking Training Class.
- 3.) Volunteers must wear closed-toed shoes for protection while handling the animals.

Up Coming Rabies/Microchip Clinics:

Sept 7th (Wednesday) from 9am-12noon. No appointment needed. Cost of Rabies vaccination is \$15 and Microchip is \$25. Spread the word!

