

**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:**

- Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm
- Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm
- Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

**PHS VOLUNTEER FORM****Ways Children Can Help:**

Did you know that children are also able to volunteer at the shelter? Children are always more than welcome to come and volunteer at PHS! If they are under the age of 16, they must be with a parent/guardian at all times. Our younger volunteers visit with the cats in the cat rooms. They can brush them, give them treats, play with toys, and straighten up the room. They can also do this with the kittens, and when available- they can typically help with puppies! With winter here, our laundry has increased! We can always use help in the laundry room!

The only requirement is for the adult to take the Volunteer Orientation Class (if you have not already!). If you have taken the class- we just need volunteer forms for your children. When children volunteer at the shelter, is a win win for both the animals and the children!

**Fundraising & Outreach:****1) Friends of Potsdam Humane Society (FOPHS)**

FOPHS would like to thank all of their volunteers who helped with the ornament sale this past holiday season. A special thank you goes out to Ann



Sessions for all of her work, and the use of her house for glitter parties to get the ornaments all ready for sale. \$418.00 was raised for the shelter through the generosity of this group. Stay tuned for upcoming events that this group is doing.

FOPHS is working on growing its membership, so if fundraising is your cup of tea and you would like to join the group email Bonnie Boyd at [bsboyd4@hotmail.com](mailto:bsboyd4@hotmail.com) or come to the **next FOPHS meeting on Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am.**

**2) Best Friends Thrift Store**

We can always use your help at Best Friends Thrift Shop! If you have some extra time to help sort inventory or serve customers you will be helping all the animals at the PHS shelter. Stop by the shop to fill out a short volunteer interest form, email Bonnie Boyd at [bsboyd4@hotmail.com](mailto:bsboyd4@hotmail.com), or call 315-353-2847 and join our team of dedicated volunteers.



Follow best friends on Facebook at Best Friends Thrift Shop - Potsdam NY

### 3) Centerplate

Volunteers are needed for the Harlem Globetrotters event on February 17, 2016. Contact the shelter or email Betty at [bjwolf@ix.netcom.com](mailto:bjwolf@ix.netcom.com) to sign up or for more information.



### 4) Dog Park



Please tell your friends to sign up for the dog park mailing list by emailing [Contact@potdamdogpark.com](mailto:Contact@potdamdogpark.com). You will be alerted to upcoming work parties as weather permits. Also, we need funds to finish the fence-building so please consider generously donating at this time. Send checks to PHS or go to their website and use the PayPal link. We appreciate your support!

### 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 Monday – Saturday from 1 – 4 p.m.

If you use our Amazon Wish list link [Potsdam Humane Society Amazon.com Wishlist](#) you can have the items sent right to the shelter for your convenience!

2) **Memorials** – make a [donation](#) in memory or honor of a special pet, animal or person. PHS

wouldn't be able to help the animals in the local area without all of your help and donations. Whether you want to make a onetime general donation or send in a donation in honor of a loved one or a pet that you have loved and lost,



please use the link above. It will take you to the PHS secure website to make your payment online or you can send a check to the shelter by mail. Either way, know that your donations in any amount are needed and truly appreciated!

### Featured Job of the Month

#### **Cleaning and Laundry.**

With over 1,200 animals in our care at PHS, there is A LOT to Clean and mountains of laundry to do! We have a great staff of five kennel cleaners, but we can always use additional help! We take pride in the cleanliness of our facility and it is a 24 hour job and the health of the animals in our care depend on it!

#### **Key Responsibilities**

- 1.) Help in the Laundry room washing blankets, towels, and toys, and neatly putting them away.
- 2.) Washing dishes and litter pans, toys, etc.
- 3.) Spot cleaning cages and kennels.
- 4.) Refresh food and water for animals.

#### **Qualifications**

- 1.) Volunteers must have attended the Volunteer Orientation. Call the shelter to see when the next Orientation will be if interested.
- 2.) Volunteers must wear closed-toed shoes for protection while handling the animals.

#### **Location**

This task is performed at the Potsdam Humane Society location.

#### **Instructions to Begin**

- 1.) Sign in to the Volunteer Book and notify PHS you are here to help with cleaning and laundry!
- 2.) Follow the procedures and protocols you have learned in Volunteer Orientation. If you have *any* questions at all—please do not hesitate to ask! While performing the volunteer duties of cleaning—the animals' health is at risk!



#### **Up Coming Rabies/Microchip Clinics**

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) from 9am-12noon. No appointment needed. Cost of Rabies vaccination is \$15 and Microchip is \$25.