

Volunteer Regulations

Sign in and out at the front desk each time you volunteer, this process is in place to confirm who is in the building in case of an emergency evacuation, provide accurate volunteer data for our annual reports, and keep a tally on how awesomely dedicated you are!

It is your responsibility to keep the Volunteer Coordinator informed on any changes to your schedule, absences, or vacations and to follow directions given by LRHS staff.

If you are unsure of something ask a staff member. If you feel uncomfortable doing something—don't. Treat information on adopters/surrenders with sensitivity and confidentiality.

Treat customers, staff and volunteers with respect. Act professionally.

Dress Code

- Wear closed-toed shoes with good traction and support. For your own safety, if you wear heels, flip flops or other dangerous footwear, you will be asked to change shoes prior to volunteering.
- Shorts should end below the knee and be free of rips, so that legs are protected.
- Wear shirts that are free of profanity and drug/alcohol related materials, and that cover your entire belly, back, chest and shoulders.
- Wear clothes that you do NOT care about, you will get dirty...we can guarantee you that!
- Please refrain from wearing earphones.



The little shelter with a big heart.

History & Mission

LRHS has been providing safe and compassionate shelter for lost, abused or unwanted animals since 1995 when we were originally located in Tuftonboro, NH. In 2007 we relocated to our current space, an old farmhouse, off of Old Route 28 in Ossipee, NH.

Our mission is to care for abused and abandoned dogs and cats, and provide them with food, exercise, warmth, and affection while we work on finding them their ideal forever homes.

We see to it that pets care for are fully vetted, spayed, and neutered prior to leaving our shelter. We do not euthanize pets as a means of population control. Rather than cage cats we allow them to roam free in our “community cat rooms”.

We are contracted to serve the surrounding towns of: Effingham, Ossipee, Wolfeboro, and Tuftonboro.

LRHS is a 501(c)(3), independent, non-profit organization. 100% of our fundraising efforts stay right here, at our facility, with our pets.

How Can I Help LRHS?

Volunteer: Our volunteer process is quick and easy.

Step 1: Complete a Volunteer Application in person or online at www.lrhs.net.

Step 2: LRHS will call you to set up an Orientation Appointment so we can show you the ropes.

Step 3: Volunteer; whether your preference is dog walking, cat cuddling, facility maintenance, landscaping or getting down and dirty to help us clean, we will be sure to find a job for you!

Foster a Pet: For a week, a month or forever!

When LRHS takes in a cat or dog that needs extra behavioral or medical help than we can handle on our own, we call our foster parents for a hand. This program helps free up space at LRHS while ensuring that our needier pets receive the special attention they require. Call or stop in to inquire about becoming a LRHS Foster Parent.

Join the Board: Do you have a special skill set?

LRHS is always on the lookout for hands-on, hard-working, and committed board and/or committee members to help with fundraising, marketing and the future well being of this Shelter. If you are interested in learning more about joining the Board of Directors, simply call LRHS at 603-539-1077 and ask for the Director.

Attend a Fundraising Event!

Sample Volunteer Tasks:

Cat Socialization: playing, brushing, exercising.

Dog Socialization: playing, brushing, exercising.

Animal Care: Clean cages & feed/water pets

Special Event Support: Volunteer to help out at one or all of our fundraising events. Assist in marketing the event by sharing events on Facebook, posting flyers around town, telling friends & family and helping with mailings.

Photographer: Come out to LRHS and use your skills to capture the beauty of the pets in need of homes. We use these photos to promote adoptions on Facebook, our website, and in printed materials.

Building & Grounds Maintenance: cleaning, snow removal, mowing, gardening, landscaping, electrical work, general facility repairs and improvements.

Have a special skill or talent? Let us know, and we can customize a project for you.

Customer Service Tips

Be polite.

Don't judge-remember that life happens and that's why we're here.

Be positive.

Demonstrate the techniques you are discussing, such as how to brush a cat.

Present pets in optimistic ways. Rather than stating, "this cat does not like to be held" say "this cat enjoys being independent."

"this dog hates kids" vs. "this dog prefers to be in adult company."

Age Limitations:

Children under 16 years old must be accompanied by a guardian at all times when at LRHS.

Teens 16—17 may volunteer on their own providing that a guardian signs their volunteer application.

Adults 18+ may volunteer on their own after signing the volunteer application and attending an orientation.

Contact Us:

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Public Hours of Operation:

LRHS is open weekly Tuesday - Saturday from 11am to 4pm, kennels close at 3:30pm daily.

Surrenders and Adoptions are done by appointment only, please call ahead to schedule your appointment.

Volunteer Hours of Operation:

*8-4 Monday-Saturday
8-11 & 2-4 on Sundays*



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LRHS wants YOU to volunteer

