

Homeward Bound  
Addison County's Humane Society



## 2024 Volunteer Application

**THANK YOU** for your interest in volunteering with Homeward Bound, Addison County's Humane Society!

Homeward Bound encourages the involvement of volunteers; we appreciate your help caring for the hundreds of animals we serve annually.

All applications are screened to determine if the applicant's interests and availability are a fit with our current needs. **If there is a match, you will be contacted via email to schedule an orientation meeting and set up a training schedule.** Please note: Due to the volume of applications we receive, incomplete or inaccurate applications will not be accepted.

Volunteers must be 16 or older to volunteer independently. Volunteer opportunities for children aged 10-15 are available when the youth is accompanied **one-to-one** with an adult (21+) companion at all times. Children under 10 are invited to join our "Shelter Buddies" program. Shelter Buddies must be accompanied by an adult (21+) and will be trained to socialize cats and kittens during your scheduled hourly time slot.

**Please be sure to fill out both the front and back pages of the application as incomplete applications can not be accepted.** Return the application to the shelter, via email to [volunteer@homewardboundanimals.org](mailto:volunteer@homewardboundanimals.org), or mail to 236 Boardman Street, Middlebury, VT 05753.



Date of Application: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Only ONE youth per application, please.**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:\* \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Email is our primary means of communication with volunteers. A valid email address is required to join our volunteer team.**

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal References

 Please list two personal references that are **not** relatives.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Volunteer Positions:

**Small Animal Buddy:** provide love and attention to rabbits, guinea pigs, and other small animals.

**Waggin Dog Walker:** walk dogs and provide active play in the play yards.

**Cat Land Companion:** provide love and attention to cats in the community cat rooms and condos.


### Foster Care

Homeward Bound occasionally has animals that are pregnant, have young offspring, are sick or injured, or are too young to be placed immediately for adoption. These animals are temporarily placed in private homes where they receive care, nurturing, and socialization until they are able to return to the shelter. Most often Homeward Bound seeks foster homes for kittens that are too young to be spayed/neutered and placed for adoption. If you would like more information on the foster care program, please contact Lauren, our Volunteer and Foster Coordinator at [volunteer@homewardboundanimals.org](mailto:volunteer@homewardboundanimals.org).

### Transport Volunteers

We have an ongoing need for volunteers who are willing to use their own cars to help us drive animals to and from spay and neuter appointments at area vet hospitals. This volunteer job requires availability at 8 in the morning and/or mid-late afternoon. This is a great opportunity for people who live in Middlebury and commute to other towns. Please request a transport volunteer application if you are interested.

## Available Shifts (for in person volunteering):

 Our volunteer program consists of hourly time slots that individuals can sign up for. The Volunteer Coordinator will let you know which slots are available at the time of your application. If these slots do not work, we can hold onto your application until your availability matches with our openings. Please circle the volunteer opportunity that you are interested in and the days and times that you can commit to.


### Circle One:

Volunteer Positions:

- Dog Walker
- Small Animal Buddy
- Cat Land Companion

### Time Slots:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9-10am						
10-11am						
11-12pm						
12-1pm						
1-2pm						
2-3pm						
3-4pm						

 Please list additional skills and/or experience you have in the event that you may be able to support us in ways outside of the jobs defined in this application. For example Database, Marketing, Writing, Public Relations, Customer Service, Carpentry/Home Repair, Landscaping, etc.

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 I confirm that the information I supplied on this application is true and correct.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent  
Or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)