

*For the Love
of a
Lifetime*

Placer SPCA

Much more than just an animal
shelter

Placer SPCA: where
dedicated professionals,
volunteers and generous
supporters share their
commitment, their
passion and their talents
to help the animals and
the people of Placer
County.



Placer SPCA
Helping thousands
of animals and
people each and
every year!



We're all waiting to meet you!

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VOLUNTEER TRAINING & EDUCATION CLASSES

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Volunteer Orientation

The Volunteer Orientation is designed to familiarize individuals with the history of the Placer SPCA including our vision and philosophy, animal success stories, the many ways volunteers can make a difference in the lives of homeless animals and will conclude with a tour of our facility. The Volunteer Orientation is a prerequisite for all volunteers.

After the presentation, if you have decided that the Placer SPCA is the right volunteer fit for you, you will be invited to complete a volunteer application. A \$25.00 materials fee will be collected at this time which will cover the cost of a t-shirt, name badge and all training materials for your volunteer service (\$35.00 for Parent/Junior teams).

Orientations are held as scheduled on Thursday evenings or Saturdays.

Please view Application Process under the Volunteer menu at www.placerspca.org for upcoming dates. You must register in advance to attend an orientation by contacting: (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 104 or volunteer@placerspca.org

Office Assistant

This on-the-job training will introduce the volunteer to the many varied aspects of our office operations including customer service, filing and documentation tracking, assisting with our Companion Request program, Lost & Found services and adoption follow-up surveys.

Duration: 2 hours Prerequisite: Volunteer Orientation

Call for Individual Training appointment: (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 109 or e-mail customer@placerspca.org

Humane Education Assistant

Assisting our Humane Educator with conducting youth education programs. Programs include school presentations, scout programs, shelter tours, event staffing, Youth for Animals Club or Humane Kids Camp. Assistants may assist with giving the presentation, handling a guest animal, preparing and/or handing out materials, setting up displays, etc.

Prerequisite: Volunteer Orientation and a minimum of Dog Level 1

Contact Humane Educator: (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 253 or humaneedu@placerspca.org

Cat Socialization & Safe Handling

Designed to familiarize volunteers with the Placer SPCA guidelines for socializing, brushing, safely handling, transporting and caring for our shelter cats. Volunteers will be taught how to recognize both safe and unsafe feline body postures and how to understand shelter paperwork including medical treatment sheets, cage cards and behavior assessments.

Duration: 3-1/2 hours Prerequisites: Volunteer Orientation

Check Events Calendar at www.placerspca.org or call (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 103 for next available training class.

Dog Socialization Level 1: Program Introduction & Canine Body Postures

This class provides an overview of the various Dog Socializing Levels, understanding behavior assessments and medical treatment sheets. In addition, volunteers will be taught how to recognize both safe and dangerous canine body postures and how to use classical conditioning and lure/reward training to benefit the shelter dogs. The importance of good kennel presentation will be stressed. **Duration: 3-1/2 hours Prerequisites: Volunteer Orientation**

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Dog Socialization Level 2: Safe Handling & Kennel Conditioning

Level 2 will detail how to safely enter and exit a kennel. In addition, this class will discuss how dogs learn and will introduce volunteers to a variety of training methods including positive reinforcement, desensitization and counter-conditioning, all of which are used to increase a dog's adoption potential.

Duration: 3-1/2 hours Prerequisites: Dog Socialization Level 1

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Dog Socialization Level 3: Walking & Training

This is an advanced level of training that details the training methods used at the Placer SPCA and how and why they are applied. Volunteers will learn Positive vs. Negative Punishment, Positive vs. Negative Reinforcement, Operant Conditioning, and other training techniques. Volunteers will learn how to apply training techniques to the shelter dogs, thereby increasing their adoptability. The week after passing this class, volunteers will be paired with a mentor for a one-hour, hands on training session. **Duration: 3-1/2 hours Prerequisites: Dog Socialization Level 2**

Check Events Calendar, www.placerspca.org or call (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 103 for next available training class.

Dog Socialization Level 4: Fun & Games

At this level of training, volunteers will teach the shelter dogs a variety of fun tricks such as sitting up, rolling over, retrieving and more. In addition, we will employ Agility Training to promote the human/animal bond, increase adoptability and to help build confidence in the shelter dogs. **Duration: 3-1/2 hours Prerequisites: Dog Socialization Level 3**

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Hands-On Dog Obedience at Training Arena

This session is open to any volunteer who has been through Dog Socialization Level 3 or higher, and is designed to help volunteers polish their hands-on dog training skills using shelter dogs. A PSPCA staff member or Volunteer Mentor will be present to provide assistance and advice. This is a drop-in class during scheduled times. No more than five dog/handler teams will be allowed in the arena at any time and all participants must have treats, a treat bag, Gentle Leader and a shelter dog. **Duration: 2-1/2 hours Prerequisites: Dog Socialization Level 3**

Check Events Calendar, www.placerspca.org or call (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 103 for next available training class.

Animal Bathing/Grooming Procedures & Safety

Many volunteers would like to help out by bathing our shelter animals. This class will detail HOW & WHERE to bathe our shelter dogs, as well as instruct volunteers on safety issues.

Duration: 2 hours Prerequisites: Dog Socialization Level 3

Check Events Calendar, www.placerspca.org or call (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 103 for next available training class.

Rabbit Socialization, Safe Handling & Critter Care Class:

The shelter continues to have a growing rabbit population. This class is designed to familiarize volunteers with how to safely socialize and handle the shelter rabbits and includes basic health needs. This class will also address the care and needs of other small animals such as hamsters, guinea pigs and rats. **Duration: 2 hours Prerequisites: Volunteer Orientation**

This class is open to the public and has no prerequisites. Check Events Calendar, www.placerspca.org or call (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 103 for next available training class.

Shelter Medicine - DOGS

This class was developed to give shelter volunteers a better understanding of the medical aspects of the shelter regarding dogs. Discussion includes common medical procedures we perform and diseases commonly seen in shelter environments.

Duration: 2 hours Prerequisites: Dog Socialization Level 1

Check Events Calendar, www.placerspca.org or call (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 114 for next available training class.

Shelter Medicine - CATS

This class was developed to give shelter volunteers a better understanding of the medical aspects of the shelter regarding cats. Discussion includes common medical procedures we perform and diseases commonly seen in shelter environments. **Duration: 2 hours**

Prerequisites: Dog Socialization Level 1

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Adoption & Surrender Counseling:

This course will familiarize volunteers with the PSCPA adoption contract, as well as the shelter's guidelines for adoption. Volunteers will learn what questions to ask and what information to obtain to successfully adopt an animal into the right home. In addition, you will learn how to assist the PSCPA in getting accurate information from owners wishing to surrender their companion animal. **Duration: 3-1/2 hours**

Prerequisites: Dog Walking Level 3 & Cat Socialization & Safe Handling

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Adoption Follow-Up Caller

This course trains volunteers to follow-up on PSPCA adoptions to ensure that animals are fitting into their homes. Adoption follow-up callers work directly with the Behavior Department to help new owners with problems and prevent animals from being returned to the shelter.

Volunteers must be able to commit to working one hour weekly or four hours monthly at the shelter. **Duration: 2 hours Prerequisites: Cat Socialization & Dog Socialization Level 1**
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Mobile Adoption Training

This course will familiarize volunteers with the Pet Mobile. It includes information regarding the guidelines and procedures for Mobile Adoptions and Community Outreach.

Duration: 1 hour Prerequisites: Cat Socialization & Dog Socialization Level 3
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Foster Program Orientation

The Foster Parenting Class prepares volunteers for the process of fostering a shelter animal. It details reasons for foster care, requirements from the foster parent and what to do if medical treatment is necessary. **Duration: 1 hour Prerequisites: Volunteer Orientation**

Check Events Calendar, www.placerspca.org or call (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 103 for next available training class.

Behavior Foster Parenting:

Many times an animal may need foster care for a specific behavior reason such as needing additional socialization. Each individual animal has special requirements which need to be addressed. Anyone interested in fostering behaviorally challenged animals should contact the Behavior Department Coordinator. An individual appointment will be made to discuss each foster and a specific behavior program will be designed for each animal.

Duration: TBD Prerequisites: Foster Program Orientation
Call (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 103 to schedule an individual training appointment

Houstraining Workshop (Dogs & Cats)

This class covers how to houstrain your dog as well as how to encourage your cat to use the litter box. **Duration: 1 hour Prerequisites: NONE – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Call (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 103 or check www.placerspca.org for next scheduled class

Canine Breed Specific Characteristics:

This class compliments the Adoption Counseling Class. The history and function, health concerns and phenotype of various breed types, as well as individual breeds will be discussed.

This class helps form associations between what a dog was bred to do and the behaviors it exhibits. **Duration: 3-1/2 hours Prerequisites: NONE – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
Call (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 103 or check www.placerspca.org for next scheduled class

Why Do Dogs Bite? Understanding Canine Aggression

This class will define and explain the various types of canine aggression and will reference likely victims of dog bites and which dogs bite with the most frequency.

Duration: 3-1/2 hours Prerequisites: NONE – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Call (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 103 or check www.placerspca.org for next scheduled class

K-9 Separation Anxiety Workshop

Dogs exhibiting separation anxiety are frequently surrendered to animal shelters. This class will help you recognize the signs of separation anxiety and will outline a variety of methods recommended to treat this problem.

Duration: 1-1/2 hours Prerequisites: NONE – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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Pit Bulls: Then and Now

This seminar details the history and development of the American Pit Bull Terrier. The evolution of the breed will be traced from their beginnings as a livestock dog, to their use in animal fighting and to how they are being developed today. We will discuss some of the myths and facts surrounding the breed, including their physical abilities and temperament. If you have questions about the Pit Bull, this seminar should provide answers. **NOTE: Due to the mature themes and pictures shown, it is not recommended that children attend this class.**

Duration: 3-1/2 hours Prerequisites: NONE – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Call (916) 782-7722 or (530) 885-7387 ext. 103 or check www.placerspca.org for next scheduled class

Children And Pets:

This class discusses selecting an appropriate dog or cat to be compatible with children. Safety concerns in the interaction of children and animals will be addressed as well as appropriate ways to introduce animals to children.

Duration: 2-1/2 hours Prerequisites: NONE – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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General Volunteer Meeting – All Volunteers are Welcome!!

Volunteers have an opportunity to socialize with one another and enjoy a potluck supper together before the meeting. These fun and upbeat meetings are a great way to find out what's new, learn interesting animal-related information, share ideas, listen to guest speakers and celebrate our successes. Guests are welcome.

5:30pm for Potluck, meeting is from 6:00 – 7:00.

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