

Experience the Shelter!

One-time Volunteer visits for Groups or Individuals

Many groups, families and individuals would like to experience Volunteer activities at the Santa Fe Animal Shelter, but can't commit to a six-month period or training classes. Experience the Shelter, a "hands-on" opportunity, offers people a unique behind-the-scenes look at animal sheltering. Here's a look at the program:

Time frame: 2-to-4 hours

Possible activities:

- Making pup-sicles for dog treats
- Filling Kongs for enriching dogs in kennels
- Cutting hotdogs for the Behavior team
- Sweeping or mopping the lobby
- Assisting Animal Care Staff with laundry or dishes
- Preparing adoption packets
- Spending time assisting a Behavior, Adoptions or Admissions staff member
- Animal interaction: Depending on experience and comfort and under the guidance of the adoption staff, Counselors will bring a dog or cat of their choice to interact in a kennel, colony room or a visiting room
- Other Volunteer activities as applicable
- Longer sessions may include a brief tour

Requirements:

- One-week advance notice for scheduling
- One adult per five children (up to 15 years)
- Must be willing to arrive at a specific time and stay a minimum of two hours.

Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (505) 983-4309, ext. 1128 or volunteer@sfhumanesociety.org for more information or to book a time.

Groups with more than 10 children may be able to arrange a Shelter tour and project with our Humane Educators. Please call Coordinator Tom Alexander at (505) 988-8980 or email humaneeducation@sfhumanesociety.org

