

THE 4 PAW SYSTEM

The 4Paw System: Our volunteer program is based on a 4 paw system. As you work your way through the program you will earn another paw each step of the way and be able to assist in more ways around the shelter.

Here is a breakdown of the 4 paw system:

PAW 1

- Hands on training in the following areas: kennels, dog walking, and cat rooms. You may also work in the pocket pet room, and the laundry/dish areas. You may also volunteer at the Retail shop.
- Minimum of 5 hours must be completed in 5 weeks before PAW 2 training. You may “paw up” once your five hours have been completed.

PAW 2

- One on one training in dog bathing, holiday helpers, offsite cat care, enrichment, rescue transport, mobile meals, pet photography, education programs, and events
- Minimum of 5 hours must be completed in 5 weeks to achieve PAW 2 status. After 6 months and a minimum of 60 hours, PAW 3 training begins

PAW 3

- Hands on training in adoption assistance, customer service, and PetPoint training.
- Minimum of 5 weeks and 10 hours to earn PAW 3 status. After 1 year and 100 hours, you can earn PAW 4 status

PAW 4

- Training as a mentor volunteer who helps with orientation