If you have a student group interested in volunteering to help homeless pets, Animal Humane offers opportunities for youth to learn more about animal welfare and help out at the same time!

Our Student Community Service opportunities are available for groups of students 6 years or older. Please carefully review the below requirements to see if a Student Community Service opportunity is right for your group.

Requirements:
• Student Community Service opportunities are available Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays, with Thursday or Friday events preferred (if your group would like a Saturday date, please be aware that we only schedule one Saturday event per month, and do not schedule these events for the third Saturday of any month)
• Event must be scheduled a minimum of 30 days in advance
• Group must have a minimum of 8 individuals and not more than 30 individuals.
• Time requirements are dependent on group size:
  o Groups of 8-15 require 1-2 hours
  o Groups of 16-22 require 2 hours
  o Groups of 23-30 require 2-3 hours
• Groups must have adult chaperons available to provide at minimum 1 adult per 8 students

Finally, we love having your help and the opportunity to meet you! To offset the staff costs associated with hosting your group, we do ask that every group also provide a donation to our shelter.
• Donations may be monetary ($5 per student) or may be item donations that help support our adoptable pets. A list of donatable items will be emailed to the group leader at the time of event confirmation.
Time at the shelter may include:

- A brief presentation on Animal Humane and/or focused on a particular interest topic (spay/neuter, animal behavior, etc.). Presentations must be requested in advance and typically require 45-60 minutes in addition to your preferred amount of volunteer time.
- A brief tour of the shelter (can be combined with presentation information if time is limited)
- Community Service rotation involving 2 or more of the following activities. Groups will spend approximately 20-40 minutes per activity selected for them. (Activities are chosen by the Education/Volunteer Department prior to event and dependent on current shelter needs):
  » Preparing food donations for our Pet Food Bank
  » Building enrichment materials for shelter pets (stuffing Kongs, making toys)
  » Cleaning and Organizing in our Foster Offices (limited availability)
  » Assisting with pulling weeds, sweeping sidewalks, painting fences or power raking runs (warm weather only)
  » Direct animal enrichment: reading to cats (all age groups) or reading to dogs (16+ years)

If you are interested in scheduling a Student Community Service opportunity, please contact our Volunteer Department by emailing DebbieM@AnimalHumaneNM.org. Please include details such as the age range of participants, desired date(s) and group size.