



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Whether you are working with animals in our shelters or outdoors at our scenic Furkids Headquarters, the Furkids volunteer experience is fulfilling and offers rewards that go beyond simply feeling good about helping. Homeless animals are wonderful in the ways they show their gratitude, and show it they do! We look forward to welcoming you to the Furkids Family.

Work with Animals

Walk with/socialize dogs: We will train you on handling our dogs. Once you have experience working with our dogs, we encourage 'day trips' to give our pups a shelter break.

Socialize cats: All animals benefit from the love and affection they receive—and we humans do too! Beyond petting cats, you can brush them, and of course play.

Cat Shelter Caretaker

Responsibilities include working in the rooms to provide the cats with fresh food and water, cleaning litter boxes, and mopping the floors. There is also ample opportunity to engage with the cats by petting and play!

Foster

Fosters provide temporary loving homes to Furkids program dogs and cats. We provide all the medical care, food, and adoption marketing. The time frame for fostering varies and can be as short as one week up to several weeks. Apply online at furkids.org or email foster@furkids.org.

TransFUR Program

This life-saving program pulls cats and dogs from high-kill shelters in Georgia, provides initial veterinary care, and transports the animals to Northern states, where there is higher demand for adoptable animals. Volunteer opportunities include drivers, temporary fosters, van preparation, loading, and clean-up.

Adoption Counselors

If you are interested in playing a direct role in helping a homeless animal find a loving home, and you like working with people, Furkids is looking for friendly faces with big spaces in their hearts for animals of all kinds who need help to find their forever homes. Once you apply to volunteer and participate in our Adoption Counselor training, you'll be sending our cats and dogs home in no time!

Donation Drives

On any given day, there are about 1,600 dogs and cats in Furkids' care. Furkids accepts donations of just about any type. Many schools, corporations, and other organizations launch donation drives throughout the year. Our wish list includes everything from animal food to bedding to bleach and office supplies. You can also do an online donation drive by going to our Amazon Smile wish list and purchasing from there. Our wish list is on our website at furkids.org/donation/wish-list/.

FurCab Transportation

Volunteers that work in our FurCab program help transport cats from our main shelter to adoption centers and events throughout the greater Atlanta area. This is a vital part of our lifesaving efforts, and drivers are needed for this new program.

GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Corporate Volunteer Groups

More and more companies offer their employees volunteer time off. Volunteer time off has been proven to increase both productivity and morale when employees are given opportunities to give back to their communities. It also builds teamwork. Companies like Home Depot, UPS, Wal-Mart, and many more are opting to give back by volunteering at Furkids. To get the ball rolling, email us at volunteer@furkids.org.

College Student Partnerships & Alternate Spring Breaks

For college students, we offer a wide range of spring break alternatives. The Furkids alternate spring break program is offered to teams of students from out-of-state universities who want to work on service projects for Furkids during their winter and spring breaks in Atlanta. Students have an opportunity to serve at all of our locations with lots of animal interaction guaranteed, including dog walks at our beautiful, expansive headquarters! In addition to volunteer time with animals at our shelters, your team can opt to spend a day to one of our thrift stores. Students always love to find fabulous treasures at one of these three locations as well as helping with sorting donations, painting & sprucing up the stores.



Furkids is the only animal shelter in the metro area that offers volunteer opportunities to children of all ages. Children younger than 16 are welcome with a parent or guardian present.

Team Captains for Fundraising or Supply Drives (open to all ages)

Children of all ages can initiate projects to raise money or goods for the shelter. From dog washes to lemonade stands and garage sales, children can have an important impact on the day-to-day expenses of caring for our homeless animals. You can also conduct an online donation drive by going to our Amazon Smile wish list and having your team purchase from there. Our wish list is on our website at furkids.org/donation/wish-list/.

Cat Shelter Caretaker (open to all ages)

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Read to Cats (open to all ages)

The Furkids FurTales read to cats program is designed for volunteers under 16 years old who have reading requirements or just like to read. The program helps children with their reading skills while also helping to socialize shelter cats.

Thrift Store Volunteer in Norcross (16-18)

This is an opportunity for teens to work on the fundraising side of Furkids at the Furkids Thrift Store, which generates revenue to help cover the operating expenses of the shelter. Volunteers are responsible for receiving and sorting incoming donations and staging them onto the sales floor and/or tidying the merchandise on the display racks. This is a great opportunity for young volunteers that like working in a retail environment.

Weekend Event Dog Handler (13+)

This opportunity is for young people that are comfortable handling dogs in a bustling retail environment at our adoption events. Dog handlers are responsible for walking the dogs and making sure they are secure at all times. There is some interaction with the public. Anyone between the ages of thirteen and fifteen may volunteer if accompanied by parent or guardian.

Foster (open to all ages)

Young people and their families are needed to provide temporary loving homes to Furkids program dogs and cats. Furkids provides all the medical care, food, and marketing to facilitate an adoption. The foster home experience is great for children of all ages – as it teaches sharing in responsibility and encourages kindness and a nurturing spirit towards homeless animals in need. Visit our website to apply online at furkids.org or email foster@furkids.org.

Santa Photo Helpers & Gift Wrappers (seasonal) (9-18)

Young volunteers help pet owners stage their dogs and other pets with Santa for a Christmas keepsake photo at select Furkids metro Atlanta adoption centers during the first three weekends of December. This is an important fundraiser for Furkids and a great opportunity for volunteer groups that enjoy working together. Several helpers are needed at once—people to welcome, to stage pets, and assembling the photos. Oh, and dads to fill in as Santa! We also participate in gift-wrapping the during the holiday season at select Barnes & Noble stores.

