

# Volunteer Opportunities



When volunteering at the shelter or anywhere around other FFL staff a **face mask MUST be worn**, no excuses. If you do not have a face mask you will be asked to leave. We also ask that you are still being cautious about what you are doing outside of the shelter.

## Clinic

Please note the clinics are long shifts (7:30am – 5:00pm) and very physically demanding. You are required to be on your feet and moving most of the time. We are currently holding them outside and it can get hot. Please make sure you are physically capable of doing this before you sign up to work a clinic shift. Most clinics are held on the weekend, with the occasional weekday clinic.

- ✘ **Animal Handlers**—Getting the animals (cat or dog) from the cars taking them to the correct location and knowing how to properly restrain the animals, in a stress free manner while they receive vaccinations and blood draws. Some of the animals we see at the clinics have never been to any type of a vet before, and this is a new and stressful event for them. This is why we are requiring this position to be BV2 and up.
- ✘ **Check in**—Directly interacting with the animal's owners, collecting their paperwork, ensuring it is properly filled out and directing them on next steps. Managing the flow of the clinic appointments.
- ✘ **Food Bank**—Collect identification information, number of animals needing food, log the information and distribute the correct amount of food.
- ✘ **Vet Techs**—Need volunteers who are trained and skilled at distributing vaccinations and drawing blood.
- ✘ **Set up and Tear down**—Set up is from 7-8am, tear down is from 4-5pm

## Adoption Counseling

Calling potential adopters who have filled out an application and conducting phone interviews.

- ✘ You must have 20 hours already logged on your volunteer portal in order to qualify to train for this. This way you have been with FFL long enough to get a good idea of what we are looking for.
- ✘ If you have your 20 hours and are interested we can get you trained with our Adoption Manager.

## Behavior

If you are interested in getting your behavior journey started while you have some down time at home, our Volunteer Manager is making an Online BVI Training video that you can watch and practice with your animals at home.

- ✘ If you are interested in helping the public with a very common issue that pet owners have Méliissa, our Behavior Manager, would love to get you trained to be a part of our Litter Line, who do virtual consultations to help cat owners with their cats who are having litter box issues.



## Fostering

This process is still the same; if you would like to foster a cat or dog for us, please fill out the foster application at [friends4life.org/foster](https://friends4life.org/foster)

## Social Media

- × Follow us:
  - × Facebook (@FriendsForLifeHouston)
  - × Instagram (@friends4lifeorg)
  - × Twitter (@Friends4Lifeorg)
  - × LinkedIn (/company/friendsforlife)
- × Share our posts
- × Help get our name out there and let people know the great work we're still doing, especially with the free Drive-Thru Clinics (more about those at [friends4life.org/supportyourtribe](https://friends4life.org/supportyourtribe))
- × Start a Fundraiser for FFL – [facebook.com/fund/FriendsForLifeHouston](https://facebook.com/fund/FriendsForLifeHouston)
- × Share our wish list – [friends4life.org/wishlist](https://friends4life.org/wishlist)

## Admin

- × Help us manage the 2,500+ applications we've received for the clinic. This includes responding to applicants and keeping them updated on the status of their application.
- × Assist with updating kennel cards

### **Reminder!**

**Make sure you're logging your hours in the volunteer portal!**