

# Shelter Friends

A volunteer group of the Pickens County Animal Shelter

Welcome to the weekday volunteer program of Pickens County Animal Shelter. We are a group of compassionate people committed to the welfare of the animals in our community.

Each year over six million animals enter the shelters in the United States. There is never too much we can do to help make time spent in a shelter less difficult for an animal. Thank you for taking this first step towards making a positive contribution to our effort. Please keep in mind that each hour spent working with these animals could mean the difference for some between finding a home and not.

The training you will receive in the coming weeks will help you to better prepare some animals for adoption. We teach them skills that will socialize and ready them for their forever homes. The skills we practice with them also helps to keep them mentally healthy and for the most part avoid kennel stress. The training we give our volunteers is a developed method successfully practiced in shelters across the country. Please take the time to read your handbook and manuals completely and pay close attention to the training video's that you will watch. If you have any questions during or after your training please ask the volunteer trainer that you are working with, a staff member, or the office manager right away. We will be more than happy to explain or clarify anything for you.

We hope that your volunteer experience with us is both rewarding and enlightening. We have all worked hard to make this a smooth-running program and a comfortable working environment. The friends you make, both furry and human alike, are just a very pleasant added benefit!

We look forward to working with you!