

I saved a human today!



By Cooper & Enya

When we brought Cooper home, he bonded right away with our older dog, Maddy. The two of them played for two hours on the first night.

Cooper is currently being trained to be a service dog. He has learned sit, stay, and how to sit in a shopping cart. He is learning how to respond to distress and how to lay down.

Cooper's favorite things to do are play and sleep! He spends most of his day lounging around the house while everyone is at work, but the second someone's home, he's ready to play.

Cooper was especially happy after he got his first haircut! He does great with the groomer, and even came to the school with us last Wednesday and got a lot of love and attention. We're hoping to get him certified to bring with us to the hospital, since he is indeed a Lhasa Apso and hypo allergenic.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WAYS TO HELP



Use the QR code or visit our website for different options to donate to AVHS.

Consider making a donation to the Auburn Valley Humane Society. Your support is the cornerstone of the dream we share to protect animals in our community. Your ongoing generosity will help ensure the future well-being of countless animals at our animal shelter. The Auburn Valley Humane Society will be able to fulfill our mission of sheltering, rescuing and adopting animals, and educating people of all ages to the needs of companion animals with those in our community who need their comfort. We will also be able to fund spay/neuter programs for animals at the shelter, ensure efficient shelter operations, and continue in our goal of creating a more compassionate world. All donations made to AVHS are tax deductible.

Donate Goods

AVHS relies on donations from the public and we are always in need of supplies. We need:

- canned pate cat food
- dry cat food
- dry kitten food
- paper towels
- copier paper

We also love gift cards to Costco, Lowe's, Sam's Club, Walmart, Home Depot, and Office Depot or requests from our Amazon.com wish list. All in-kind donations are 100% tax-deductible.

Sponsor-A-Kennel

A personalized plaque will display your generosity and sponsorship for twelve months on a specific kennel or cat room at the shelter signifying that the homeless animals will get the best care during their stay.



Winter is in foster care and barks: "please help us today by giving!"

The furry critters express their thanks for mailing your donation envelope to us today!

Feel Good

You can be confident that AVHS will steward your donation thoughtfully and wisely. Please know how much your gift means to our Board of Directors, staff and dedicated volunteers, and the abandoned and homeless animals we care for. Your support helps us to save over 2,000 animals every year. Feel good knowing you are helping to save lives this season and all year long!



Cee Cee was adopted.

Please help us with medical needs!



Sitka Update

Special update on Sitka. A large dog at the shelter, she was a gentle giant. She was very loyal, affectionate, and super smart. She was adopted at the end of August. She is adjusting to her new home with two 1-hour walks per day. She loves walking on the trails in the woods and no longer pulls on the lead.

She has discovered swimming and was ecstatic. She pawed and bit at the water and splashed around like puppy. She still has an amazing amount of energy but is doing well around other dogs. Her owners love her and are happy she's a part of their family.

Give today!

See more at the "support us" tab at our website,



www.auburnvalleyhs.org or click on QR code for details.

Four Paws

Newsletter of the Auburn Valley Humane Society



Fall 2016

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Our Mission

The Auburn Valley Humane Society is dedicated to providing shelter, quality care and love for all the lost, mistreated and abandoned animals in Auburn. AVHS utilizes all available resources to ensure each animal is placed into a loving and forever home and promotes responsible pet ownership through education and outreach.

Special Needs



Hooke appreciates your generosity! Please give so that others can have a new life.

Hooke came in with a broken leg which was amputated. Our special medical needs fund provided for his surgery. As a four year old Terrier Mix, he had lots of energy. He learned to adapt to being 3-legged. He loves to ride in the car and charms the kids in the neighborhood.

SITKA'S life with AVHS began as a lost dog. A 7-year old female Great Dane Siberian Husky mix, she was adopted 120 days later to a loving home. She loves to play with tennis balls. See page 8.

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Current Hours of Operation:

Sunday 12 pm - 4 pm
Monday 10 am - 6 pm
Tuesday 10 am - 6 pm
Wednesday 10 am - 6 pm
Thursday 10 am - 6 pm
Friday 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday 12 pm - 6 pm



Executive Director's Desk: by Phil Morgan

New Beginnings

Where has the summer gone? Just the other day I noticed a nip in the air and orange leaves beginning to fall to the ground. It seemed just like yesterday summer was just beginning to start. I guess the past few months have gone by so fast because we have been extremely busy at the Auburn Valley Humane Society. We held two successful events, Tour de Paws and Barkfest; Shelter Buddies, the reading program, reached and maintained the goal of 30 readers; Thrift Store sales increased; our animal intake almost doubled and most

importantly, our live release rate of animals in our care has increased to 98%. At the half way point of 2016, AVHS was on track to meet and exceed all the budgetary expectations set by the Board of Directors for this year.

While this all may seem like business as usual at AVHS, it could not have happened without the efforts of our dedicated staff, the guidance and direction of our Board of Directors. The triumphs of this summer could not have happened without our loyal and hardworking volunteers. We have a great team here at the Auburn Valley Humane Society and as I look to the end of this year, I am very proud to be a part of it.



Thank you all again for all you do!

Phil Morgan
Phil Morgan, Executive Director

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and all the furry four footed friends in our care, we would like to thank you for supporting our mission and your Humane Society!

Thanks for the support BARKFEST & ROVER ROMP

With the change in the date of the annual Barktoberfest event also came a name change. **Barkfest and the Rover Romp** took place on Saturday August 25th. From wind and rain in past years, to a bright sunny day, there was no loosing with this year's event.

Some of the highlights included the Rover Romp 3K & 5K, for dogs and their humans along the scenic trail of Roegner Park, vendors including adoptable animals from local animal rescue organizations, and our community partners, Auburn Animal Control and Officer Winner and the Auburn Police K-9 Unit. As in years past, the Auburn Firefighters provided Dogs for Dogs which is always a fan favorite!

We saw some great dog tricks from beginners to more sophisticated medleys of tricks. Everyone loved watching the discipline of the Rainier Agility Team leaping over hurdles, running through tunnels and doing other tricks on command. What a treat!

The K-9 Unit from the Port of Seattle came and did a demo to show their skills in detecting explosives. It was amazing to witness their speed and flexibility in discovering the presence of explosives and their ability to follow suspicious odors to pinpoint the exact location.

All in all, it was a super fun day that raised \$16,100 for the lost, mistreated and abandoned animals at the Auburn Valley Humane Society. Big thanks to all who helped to make this day a success.



Running Feet



Rainier Agility Team

SUPPORT 2016-2017 Events

Day	Event	Purpose
DEC 10-11 2016	PHOTOS WITH SANTA PAWS	On Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 10-11 from 9 am - 2 pm, bring your pets to AVHS to have their holiday picture taken with Santa Paws. A 4"x 6" print in a holiday card is \$10. By purchasing the digital version option you receive a print and the digital photos on a bone USB for \$15. Add a calendar to the digital version for only \$30.
MAR 25 2017	AVHS GALA & AUCTION	The 2017 Auburn Valley Humane Society's Gala & Auction will take place on a Saturday, March 25, at Green River College, Lindbloom Center from 5:00-9:30 pm. It will include a silent and live auction, wine bottle ring toss, raffle and other fun games. Tickets will be available in January, 2017 at the shelter or online at www.auburnvalleyhs.org .
JUNE-OCT 2017	PET PHOTO CALENDAR CONTEST	Get ready to submit your favorite pet photo starting June 1 st . Photo must be uploaded by September 30 th . Encourage your friends and family to vote for your pet. Donation of \$1 = one vote. Fourteen monthly winners will be chosen from the photographs which receive the most votes. The pet with highest votes will be featured on the front cover photo. Calendars will be on sale by mid-November.
AUG 26 2017	BARKFEST/ ROVER ROMP	Community fundraising event featuring dog demonstrations, rescue organizations, adoptable pets, specialty vendors and a 3K/5K walk/run Rover Romp from 9 am - 1:30 pm, August 26 at Roegner Park.



Photos with Santa Paws

Auburn Valley Humane Society
Changing Lives... Four Paws at a Time!

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 10-11
9:00am - 2:00 pm
Auburn Valley Humane Society
4910 A St SE, Auburn

- **4"x6" Photo with holiday card ~ \$10 donation - digital version plus card \$20**
- **No appointment necessary. Please have dogs on a leash and cats and other pets in a carrier.**
- **Prize Basket Drawings • Special Freebies**

Help us raise funds & awareness about lost, the homeless and abandoned animals
253-249-7849 | www.auburnvalleyhs.org

Tickets Coming Soon!

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AVHS Gala & Auction

Saturday, March 25
5:30 - 9:30 pm
Green River College
Lindbloom Student Union Bldg., Auburn

- **Fabulous Buffet Dinner** with vegetarian option
- **Three Animal Champion Awards**
- **50/50 Raffle & Door Prizes**
- **Exciting Silent & Live Auction**
- **Fun Wine Bottle Ring Toss**
- **Tickets: \$75 per person/Table of 8 - \$550**

Please help raise funds for the homeless and lost animals in our community
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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special Programs has many programs in the works right now.

Pets of Domestic Violence

We have partnered with DAWN (Domestic Abuse Women's Network) and RASKC to foster pets of domestic violence victims that enter DAWN's programs and help promote responsible pet ownership.

AVHS Pet Pantry

The AVHS Pet Pantry has continued its partnership with Seattle Humane Society. AVHS has been able to distribute pet food to approximately 25 local low-income senior citizens each month at the AVHS Thrift Store & More. We are providing cat and dog food for over 50 pets each month!



Humane Education

Our current focus is on:

- A Girl Scout badge program to start with its first group in May
- Reading to animals with our Shelter Buddies program
- Pet CPR and First Aid classes



The Girl Scout Badge Program

began in May. More than 60 scouts have completed their badge work so far! If you are interested in learning more about the program please contact klanaghan@auburnvalleyhs.org.



Shelter Buddies Reading Program

began in May. Local students read to the cats at the AVHS shelter. Program is currently full, please check our website for updates.

- Children Grades K-6
 - Apply online or at the shelter
 - Program hours: Monday - Thursday 10 am - 5 pm
 - Earn prizes from Legendary Donuts and Menchie's for every 5 reading sessions.
- This program benefits both the animals and the readers. Shelter buddy won't say anything if they make a mistake! Questions? Contact Keely at 253-249-7849.



Sammy & Cinnamon are favorites that entered the contest last year

Don't forget to BUY YOUR 2017 AVHS Calendar

The 2017 AVHS Calendar will be on sale in mid-November. There are 102 photos in this year's calendar. Buy one at the AVHS Shelter or AVHS Thrift Store for only \$15. You may also order calendars online at our website at www.auburnvalleyhs.org. If you wish to have it mailed to someone, add the shipping fee of \$5. The top 14 ranked pet photos voted on by others were selected. Each of the winners will be featured on a monthly page with the highest vote getter receiving a spot on the front cover. The fourteen month calendar supports shelter programs and helps raise funds for the homeless animals in our community.

AVHS Thrift Store & More SUPER GREAT SALES!

everyday of the week at 1123 E Main St. Auburn



NOVEMBER SALES:

Yellow Tag 90% off
Hot Pink tag 80% off
Tangerine tag 70% off
Blue tag 60% off
Gray tag 50% off
Lavendar tag 40% off
White tag with bar 30% off

DECEMBER SALES:

Hot Pink tag 90% off
Tangerine tag 80% off
Blue tag 70% off
Gray tag 60% off
Lavendar tag 50% off
White tag with bar 40% off
Green tag with bar 30% off

on all donated non-vendor items!

Find your new treasures!

Every day there are new items at the store. We accept donations and 100% of our proceeds benefit the animals at the AVHS shelter.

Thrift Store & More Hours:

Sunday	11 am - 5 pm
Monday-Friday	10 am - 6 pm
Saturday	10 am - 6 pm

1123 E. Main Street, Auburn WA
253-545-0314 | www.auburnvalleyhs.org



Progressive Markdown Works

The AVHS Thrift Store has been chugging along at full speed this summer! Quality donations are pouring in at record amounts and the 10% to 90% off progressive markdown program which began in January has been a huge success!!!

The consignment dealers have also seen an increase in sales over the past three months. Dealer 60 (the AVHS extraordinary medical fund) raised \$9,500 since July. This allows the medical staff at the shelter to go above and beyond the normal when treating injured and sick animals in our care. Additionally, the \$40,000 raised in the third quarter of this year allows the shelter to remain open 7 days a week and fully subsidizes our pets of seniors' food bank, the pets of domestic violence and humane education programs.



Rick with his dog Samson

MESSAGE FROM THE AVHS BOARD PRESIDENT

Being the President of the Board of Directors for the Auburn Valley Humane Society sounds like a difficult job. Please don't get me wrong, it does come with its challenges, but for a three-and-a-half-year-old organization, I have to admit, we are what I would consider a success.

The reasons for this success are dedication and team work! The staff, the volunteers, the supporters, the donors and the City of Auburn have all turned a dream of what a humane society should be into a reality.

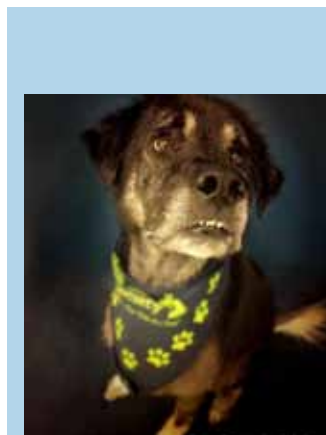
In 2010 when budget shortfalls caused King County to seek an increase in fees and a possible reduction of services to the City of Auburn in regards to animal services, the lives of the animals

in our community were changed forever. The City of Auburn and a group of brave and forward thinking citizens (including all the veterinarians in Auburn) faced a challenge, had a dream, forged a plan... and today, six years later, we have a successful, progressive and growing organization. We could not have done it without each and every one of you who rolled up your sleeves, put your differences and philosophies aside and worked tirelessly to the goal we have today.

Unfortunately, we are not done. There are still homeless and abandoned animals in our community. There are still boxes of unwanted kittens left at our doorstep. We are still witness to animal cruelty on a regular basis. The animals need us now more than ever and the Auburn Valley Humane Society still needs your donations, support and most importantly we still need the gift of your volunteer time.

As the President of the Board of Directors, I appreciate that you have seen us through the dream... and that you stood by our sides when we had a vision. Now we have the reality we all hoped for... a successful animal welfare organization caring for and saving the lives of the homeless and abandoned animals in our community.

Rick Oliveira, President
AVHS Board of Directors



Jasper

My name is Jasper, just an 8 year old lab retriever mix. I was on some good meds at the shelter to heal my skin problems. I was adopted in mid-July by my new family. I've been on two vacations and a ton of hikes! I've become extremely bonded to my furr buddy, Asher (the Golden) and we are best friends.

I'm off my meds and looking great as my hair is filling in. My owners think I'm awesome. They say I'm a sweet guy, with goofy teeth. How I snarl my lips when I'm really happy is quirky. They say thanks for everything. My doggie brothers love me. I'm the perfect fit.

What's Up Doc?



Senior Pet Care!

by Emily D. Purvis, DVM
AVHS Medical Director

Auburn Valley Humane Society often cares for pets of the senior variety! This Fall we would like to share some tips to ensure all your four-legged family members have the best chance at a healthy future.

Vaccinations and Wellness Programs – It is easy to forget the yearly trip to the vet, however just like puppies/kittens it is important your senior pet gets all of their vaccinations, worming and flea treatments. Senior pets can have compromised immune systems and less ability to fight parasites and viruses, making illness prevention a paramount necessity.

Blood Sampling – This is a simple and quick procedure, which allows for early detection of common medical issues. Many of these issues, if treated early, could reduce the severity of the symptoms and keep your pet happier for longer!

Weight Management – Older pets are generally not as active and have a slower metabolism than in their younger years. The more sedentary lifestyle can lead to weight gain and extra weight puts more pressure on already achy joints. Ensuring your pet maintains a lean body mass will go a long way at prolonging health and reducing disease.

Dental Disease - Dental problems are a common issue in all ages, but in senior pets can cause reduced appetite, weight loss and ill thrift. Dental issues don't stop in the mouth either. Bacteria on the teeth can cause problems with other vital organs, such as the kidneys and heart.

Environment - Senior pets can also benefit from some small changes in their home environment which will keep them more comfortable. Ensure plenty of warm bedding, old and aching joints will be grateful! Maintaining a routine and not moving furniture too often will allow for a more stress free life. Installing ramps to replace stairs and ensuring high traction surfaces also makes falling less likely.

Hopefully these tips have been helpful! Take a moment to make a quick phone call to your regular veterinarian for their senior advice and special programs. Also, don't forget to keep your senior pet's microchip details up-to-date!

LOOKING FOR LUV

Happiness found in a new home...

LOVE



Amber is settling in very nicely. She brightens up the home and brings a smile to my face. She's getting along great with her older sister, Bella, a 7-year-old Siamese cat. Amber loves to play with anything she can get her paws on, especially fuzzy toys. She loves to run around the house, climb into her cat tree, and has started lounging in the windowsill lately. When she's not busy playing, she loves to snuggle up with me. She purrs so loud that I can barely hear myself think! I'm so glad I brought her into my family, I'm excited to watch her grow from an adorable kitten to a beautiful cat, and I'm so grateful to AVHS for bringing us together.

Your help makes the difference for the hundreds of homeless and abandoned animals. Your continued support helps us save even more lives.

Furr Report

Hidden Holiday Dangers

The leaves have turned, the sky is darkening in the afternoon, and you have to bundle up just to check the mail. Fall is upon us, and that means it's time to feast!

Ask any vet, and you'll get a lengthy list of Thanksgiving favorites that you certainly shouldn't be slipping under the table for Fluffy and Fido.

- **Gravy and stuffing** are a no-go, they can contain onions or garlic or leeks that can cause toxic anemia in cats and dogs.

- **Grapes** can be found in a lot of cranberry sauces, and put your pet at a higher risk for kidney failure.
- **Sweet potatoes, candied yams, and most pies** are too high in sugar content and can upset stomachs.

But you still want your best friend to enjoy the holiday, so what CAN you do?

Try halving their regular dinner, add some plain green beans and carrots – raw or steamed –, and plain mashed potatoes. Top it off with the grand finale: dice half a cup of boneless, skinless white turkey meat and toss it in the bowl. Mix it all up, and you've got a pet-friendly feast fit for a king!

Twilight, is now Foxy Cleopatra, **Foxy** for short. She looks so much like a fox, we thought it was appropriate. About a year ago I was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer, devastating news for our family of four. A furry friend would be great for my morale and would help me exercise by taking walks. (A snuggle buddy for naps wouldn't be a bad thing, either.) We checked out Craigslist and other rescue sites, but everytime something wasn't right. Whether it was a scam, or outrageous re-homing fees, or they "just sold 'em." Finally we chose the Humane Society because if you can help rescue a pet, have them spayed or neutered, and microchipped-that's a win, win, win.

There were so many pets to choose from at each shelter, but we could only choose one. Although we live by Tacoma, there was one dog we saw at Auburn Valley Humane Society but it wasn't a good match for us.

Twilight was being placed in her kennel and we asked if she was adoptable. Turns out she had been there about 3 days, just got spayed, and she was available. We immediately held a visit with her before anyone else could. In no time at all, it was decided that this precious little girl (Twilight) had as much love to give us as we had to give her. We all left together.

It didn't take her long to explore our home even jumping up on our bed. It was as if she decided, "this could work." Even our cat was accepting from the moment Twilight walked in. There was about a minute of serious sniffings before they both went their own ways. Each day they are getting more and more friendly.

Our children (7 & 13) just love to get puppy kisses from her and play with her. They even have a hard time choosing who gets to help take her potty. When she's tired, or riding in the car, laps are her favorite. The back of the couch is another one of her spots. But when it's time for bed, it's right next to Mom and Dad. We are so pleased with our choice and will be recommending the Auburn Valley Humane Society to anyone we hear that is looking for a new forever friend. Thanks for all of your help!

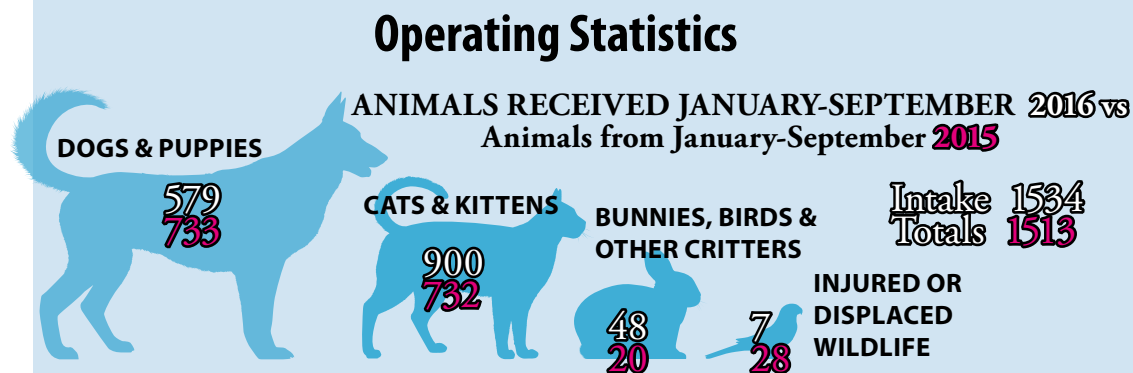


Mr. Meowgi needs a forever home!

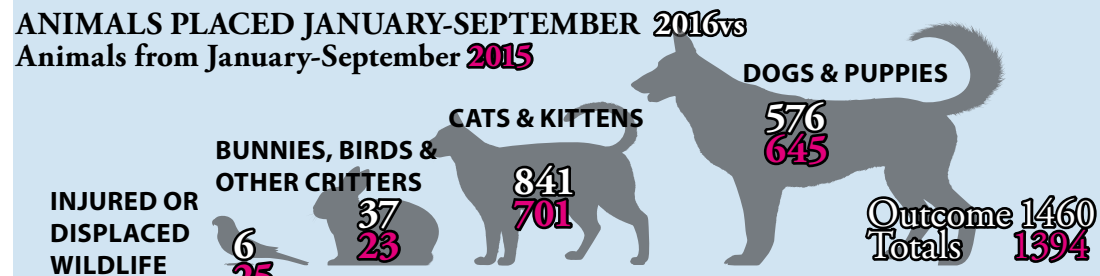
Mr. Meowgi, an 18 year old domestic long hair cat, came to AVHS in February in pretty rough shape. "My hair was matted, my teeth were dirty, & I didn't feel good. The staff gave me TLC and I'm ready for a new home! My eyes are old but I love attention. I'll talk to you all day long. I'll give you all the love you could want.



Consider adopting Mr. Meowgi



Maggie has been the best furry companion I could have hoped for. First day here and she's settling in quite nicely. Maggie is making herself right at home!



*The remaining animals are in for care or at the shelter.

The Auburn Valley Humane Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization who partners with the City of Auburn for the housing of the lost and stray animals within the city limits of Auburn. The AVHS shelter opened on January 1, 2013. AVHS serves King and Pierce Counties for pet adoptions and owners looking to re-home their beloved pets.

No adoptable animals have been euthanized in the first three and half years of operation!

Thank you for helping us save lives. . . four paws at a time!

VOLUNTEER

LEND A PAW



For the last three years, over 2,000 AVHS volunteers provided over 100,000 hours of service at the AVHS shelter and thrift store. Come join the volunteers and help us continue to change lives. . . four paws at a time!



Caring at AVHS

Thanks to the four girls, Reese, Reese, Ella and Maddy from Dieringer Heights Elementary School for conducting a pet food drive at school. Accepting the donations were Rick Oliveira, AVHS Board President and Phil Morgan, Executive Director. They collected 185 items plus \$40 to benefit the furry critters.

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM!

Volunteers Needed:

Dog Walkers & Kennel Assistants
Cat Care Cleaners & Cat Monitor Assistants
Adoption Events & Outreach Volunteers
Front Desk Greeters & Office Assistants
Pet Pantry Food Bank, Pet Transport Volunteers, Vet Services Assistants, Animal Care Assistants, Laundry/Hospitality
Foster Cat & Dog Volunteers and many more positions!

VOLUNTEER PROCESS

- Complete a volunteer application.
- Attend a volunteer orientation to learn about the organization and also learn about the various opportunities available to volunteers.
- Interview with the Director of Volunteer/ Outreach Services and schedule your training and volunteer experience.
- Take the appropriate training classes or hands-on training.
- Start volunteering! You can enter hours online when volunteering using AVHS Volgistics Information Center portal.

Without volunteers, we would not be able to provide the quality care for the abandoned and lost animals in our community.