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Animal Services Seeks Volunteers

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – The Cumberland County Animal Services Department has started a volunteer program. People who love animals are needed in the adoption area to assist with placing animals with local families.

At any given time, the Animal Services shelter is home to nearly 300 dogs and cats. Volunteers will be asked to bathe and clean animals deemed adoptable, take them for walks, and show them off to those wishing to adopt.

"While it may not be the most glamorous job, we have a large need for those interested in caring for abandoned and stray animals here at our shelter," said Ann Chalker, the Animal Services volunteer coordinator. "We are especially in need of volunteers during weekdays, but any time you can donate is appreciated. With more volunteers, Animal Services is able to place more pets with families that will truly care for them."

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and sign a liability waiver. Orientation sessions for new volunteers will be held at 10 a.m. the third Saturday of each month at the Animal Services facility at 4704 Corporation Dr. Minors are required to be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the training session.

For more information and for a volunteer application, please visit the Animal Services Department section of the county's Web site, www.co.cumberland.nc.us, or call 321-6852.