

Cat Assessment Team (CAT) Volunteers

Highlights

As a Cat Assessment Team (CAT) volunteer you are the first person at APA! to meet the cats we bring into the program from the city's shelter – the very first! Plus the team gets to see hundreds of cats of all shapes and sizes.

Purpose

The purpose of the Cat Assessment Team is to identify and profile cats at AAC that are most in need of intervention by APA! Cats that are candidates for APA! are typically those who are ill, young, geriatric, have ringworm, FeLV, FIV, or behavior issues.

When are the times of year/day that volunteers are most needed?

All year –we need to evaluate cats at the city's shelter every day.

Where?

Team members do all their assessments at the city's shelter - Austin Animal Center (AAC) located at 7201 Levander Loop. Volunteers will need to provide their own transportation. After assessments, reports are finished from home.

Skills

- Attention to detail
- Word processing to complete forms in a timely (same day) manner
- Using a smartphone/camera (to take photos)

Abilities

- Compile accurate evaluation of cats at AAC to help with placement at APA!
- Safely handle cats
- Review shelter notes
- Follow evaluation protocols
- Must be able to complete evaluation report by 9pm on your assigned day
- Represent APA! positively while visiting the cats at AAC

The following are nice, but not necessary as we have a thorough training program for new volunteers:

- An understanding of basic cat signals (reading their behavior)
- Able to recognize signs/symptoms of health issues

What does the position involve?

Work independently 1 day a week for 2-3 hours.
Commit to working for at least 6mths on the team.

Training

An extensive training program is provided (one-on-one training sessions, shadowing and practice reporting before beginning independent visits). You will also receive ongoing support from other dedicated volunteers. Once trained, you can visit AAC any time during their hours of operation (11am-7pm), on your agreed upon day