

# Humane Society of Durham Region

## Feline Enrichment Volunteer – Blue Level One

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### Purpose

Improve the quality of life for cats that are waiting to be adopted by providing enrichment activity and the opportunity for socialization through humane interaction.

### Description

Feline Enrichment Volunteers report to the Volunteer Coordinator and Shelter Manager

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

1. Review the feline enrichment lists in order to determine
  - Which cats you will work with,
  - Which cats need to be seen on your shift and
  - In which order you will see them (after reviewing health status)
2. Review and follow instructions, providing enrichment activity to cats at their cage or in their designated room.
3. Enrichment activities include but are not limited to grooming, petting, playing, sitting and talking with the cats.
4. For each cat room, you will be expected to understand and follow guidelines for the use of that specific room.
5. You will be expected to spend time with at least 5 cats per shift.
6. Record observations and health concerns (if you have them) at the end of a visit and before your move on to work with the next cat.
7. Adhere to dress code – cover legs; no open toed shoes, etc.
8. All volunteers welcome the public and serve as HSDR ambassadors in a professional manner.
9. Adhere to all biosecurity protocols for specific rooms and wear appropriate PPE for each room and animal

#### **Qualifications**

1. 18 years of age or older.
2. Interest in/and love of cats.

#### **Training**

Prior to doing the first shift you will complete:

1. General Orientation to Humane Society of Durham Region.
2. Cat Basics Training that includes:  
Department protocols. Reading body language, ways to approach a cat, how cats communicate, handling techniques, grooming,

petting and playing; common feline health problems found in the shelter.

3. Candidates are required to complete a questionnaire and responses will be evaluated

**Commitment**

Time commitment is 2 hours per week. Minimum of 6 months commitment required, with regular attendance for this role.