

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY NEWS
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Animal Services Seeking Volunteers

Hillsborough County Animal Services will hold a series of orientation sessions for residents who wish to join the Volunteer Partnership Program for animals at the County shelter.

A variety of skills are needed for the following areas:

- Escorting adopters to kennel areas
- Digital photography
- Veterinary service assistance
- Special events
- Walking and socializing animals.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age, and a parent must accompany minors to orientation. Seating is limited, and reservations are suggested. Orientation sessions are offered at Hillsborough County Animal Services, 440 Falkenburg Road in Tampa.

The following dates have been scheduled to welcome new recruits:

Wednesday, July 9 at 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 16 at 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m.

Animal Services is also seeking volunteers at least 18 years of age to train as Reserve Animal Control Officers (RACO). Candidates are asked to commit a minimum of 20 hours per month, primarily on weekends, to assist field operations. RACO officers may be involved with animal handling but will not be asked to write citations.

For further information on this Volunteer Partnership Program, please call Hillsborough County Animal Services at 744-5660 or send an email to info@hillsboroughcounty.org .

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