

ANIMAL RESCUE AND ADOPTION

For Boomers who want to improve the lives of rescue cats, dogs, horses, and other animals, these lists include links to animal rescue organizations and the organization's volunteer pages, where available.

Descriptions are summarized from their website information at the time of posting or publishing. Background checks may be required of volunteers.

Small animal shelters nearly always need volunteers to help out with the following:

- Feeding animals
- Animal socialization
- Fostering and Adoption
- Assisting in veterinarian care
- Caregiving
- Transporting pets
- Participation in outreach events
- Office and clerical work
- Photography and graphic arts



Cats, Dogs and Other Pets

- [Animal Aid](#). Assists abused, homeless, injured and sick companion animals through rescue and adoption programs, financial and volunteer support of spay/neuter efforts. Provides funds to those unable to pay for urgent veterinary care. A member of the Washington County Animal Protection Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT), a group that brings several agencies together to address problems of animal abuse and neglect within a larger social framework. Volunteers are cat caregivers, socializers, emergency dog kennel caregivers, event coordinators, and work in agility ring and foster homes. [Volunteer](#).
- [Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland](#). Metro-wide programs and services that reduce the number of homeless cats and dogs, and save lives of all shelter pets that can be humanely and responsibly rehomed. [Volunteer](#).
- [Bonnie L. Hays Animal Shelter](#). Work with stray and abandoned animals. Every healthy unclaimed animal that comes to the shelter finds an adoptive home. [Volunteer](#) information. [Facebook](#).
- [CAT \(Cat Adoption Team\)](#). Works with animal welfare organizations, animal control agencies, veterinary offices, and other shelters to care for and re-home cats or kittens that otherwise face euthanasia. [Volunteer](#). Sherwood.
- [Cat's Cradle Rescue](#). Promotes well-being and adoptability; provides loving foster homes where shelter cats socialize while receiving medical care, spay and neuter surgery. Goal is adoption into qualified caring homes. [Volunteer](#). Hillsboro.
- [Clackamus Dogs Foundation](#). Promotes the health and well-being of dogs and people; supports educational and public service activities and programs. S.E.T. Team volunteers provide life-saving activities for dogs living in a very stressful environment. [Volunteer](#).

- [Family Dogs New Life Shelter](#). A no-kill dog shelter that rescues needy dogs of all breeds, ages and backgrounds. [Volunteer](#). SE Portland.
- [Fences for Fido](#). Builds free fenced yard, and insulates dog house to improve lives of dogs living outdoors on the end of chains, tethers or in small kennels. Spay/neuter services. [Volunteer](#).
- [Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon](#). Improves the welfare and reduces the population of feral and stray cats through spay/neuter programs and education. [Volunteer](#).
- [FIDO Friends Involved in Dog Outreach](#). Improves the lives of animals; helps keep them out of the shelters and supports those in the shelter. [Volunteer](#).
- [Humane Society for Southwest Washington](#). Companion animal resources, reunites families with lost pets. Operates thrift stores. [Volunteer](#). Vancouver.
- [Indigo Rescue](#). Specialized, life-saving intervention for animals with characteristics and needs that render them unadoptable by shelter standards. Indigo Ranch in Vernonia. [Volunteer](#).
- [MultCoPets](#). Emergency response and rescue, investigations, animal nuisances, rehoming, helping with deceased animals. [Volunteer](#).
- [Northwest Animal Companions](#). Shelters and cares for stray, abandoned, neglected, lost, abused and/or unwanted animals until permanent loving homes can be found. Provides food, veterinary care, spaying or neutering, grooming and medications. [Volunteer](#).
- [Oregon Dog Rescue](#). No-kill shelter; dogs come from overcrowded local shelters, owners who cannot keep their dogs, and from high-kill shelters in California. [Volunteer](#). Tualatin.
- [Oregon Humane Society](#). Rescues, heals and adopts 11,000 pets each year; never places a time limit on how long cats, dogs and other pets stay. Pet Partners training program. [Volunteer](#).
- [Oregon Friends of Shelter Animals](#). Spay and neuter clinic, transports animals out of overcrowded shelters. [Volunteer](#). Beaverton.
- [POOCH](#): Re-homing shelter dogs that are cared for and trained by youth in corrections as a way to develop their personal and vocational skills. [Volunteer](#).
- [Portland Animal Welfare Team \(PAW\)](#). Provides vet care to the pets of the homeless and low-income in times of crisis. [Volunteer](#).
- [Rabbit Advocates](#). Services, including foster and shelter care, and educational programs promoting welfare of domestic rabbits. [Volunteer](#).
- [Second Chance Companions](#). No-kill organization; 100% volunteer staffed. Feeds, cares for, adopts out, and spays and neuters as many animals as possible. Community education. [Volunteer](#).
- [The Pixie Project](#): Adoption and rescue center, offers pet adoption, pet owner education and support and low cost and free spay and neuter and veterinary services for homeless and low-income pet owners. [Volunteer](#).

Birds

- Boomers interested in wild bird rescue and education should contact the [Portland Audubon Society](#) or [NW Bird Rescue](#) which focuses on orphaned exotic birds in SW Washington and Portland.
- [Audubon Society](#). Bird rescue. Promotes the understanding, enjoyment, and protection of native birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. [Volunteer](#).

- [NW Bird Rescue](#). Focuses on needs and welfare of orphaned exotic birds SW Washington and Portland. Offers Parrot adoption. Wild birds transported to Portland Audubon. [Volunteer](#).

Horses

Horse rescue operations care for at-risk horses that have been abandoned, abused, neglected, lost, or simply unwanted. They care for them until permanent homes can be found. Some operations combine horse rescue with equine-assisted therapy. Horse rescue activities involve feeding, grooming, cleaning stalls, fundraising, helping with special events, doing clerical work, and other jobs.

- [Horse Sense Riding School](#). Provides homes, training and jobs to horses at risk of auction or slaughter. Temporary foster homes and work for horses we hope to reunite with their families when they are ready.
- [Sound Equine Options](#). Cares for unwanted horses. Finds foster and adoptive homes. [Volunteers Facebook](#). Gresham.

Zoos

Zoo volunteers (many are retirees) learn about, appreciate, and work with animals in a wide variety of ever-changing roles. You'll also have a choice of hands-on jobs, teaching or being part of behind-the-scenes zoo operations.

[Oregon Zoo Volunteer](#).

See [Portland Animal Rescue Organizations](#) for links to more information.

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