Ask yourself the following questions before you apply to be a volunteer:

1. Am I at least 18 years of age?
2. Have I carefully considered my schedule and know that I can commit to volunteering once a week for a 3-hour shift for one full year?
3. Do I have a positive attitude and sincere interest in the animal services center and its mission, by providing volunteer services that reflect the goals and values of the center?
4. Will I treat my volunteer responsibilities with the same respect that I do my work obligations, committing to serve on a regular scheduled day and time?
5. Am I comfortable making repeated trips to the center to interview, attend orientation and training before my volunteer commitment begins?
6. Am I willing to attend scheduled volunteer meetings? (We typically have two meetings per year)
7. I have a valid tetanus vaccine, or have the ability to get one within 30 days of starting my volunteer service.
8. Am I physically able to walk an untrained (pulling on the leash) 80 pound dog? Or, physically able to handle a cat that can weigh up to 20 pounds? (Depending on which area you would like to volunteer in)
9. Am I physically able to squat repeatedly throughout the day?

If you answer “yes” to all of the above questions, we welcome you to continue pursuing a volunteer position at Mission Viejo Animal Services Center.

If you answer “no” to any of the above questions, it is possible that our volunteer program may not meet your goals as a volunteer.

To explore this further, please read the following statements:

1. I hope that my volunteer work will lead to a job at the Mission Viejo Animal Services Center.
2. I want to gain clinical experience by shadowing or assisting a member of the center’s kennel staff.
3. I hope volunteering will help me work through the loss of a loved one or pet.
4. I am “in between jobs” and am hoping to use my free time to be of service in the meantime.
5. I am only interested in volunteering with puppies and kittens.

If you relate to any of these five statements, it is possible that our volunteer program may not be a perfect fit for you.