

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Welcome Home Animal Sanctuary! Volunteers mean the world to us! As an all-volunteer non-profit with no paid staff, volunteer work is crucial for running and caring for all the animals.

Before committing to volunteering at Welcome Home, it is important to know our mission and be willing to uphold our values while at the sanctuary. Please review our mission statement and determine if this volunteer opportunity is a good fit for you.

The mission of Welcome Home Animal Sanctuary is the prevention of cruelty to all species of animals. We put this mission into action by providing a loving, forever home to abused, abandoned, neglected and unwanted farm animals.

The animals that come to us have not always known kindness at the hands of man. They have heartbreaking stories and have seen the worst of humanity. Remarkably, their forgiving spirits are able to love and be loved. We are privileged to be able to show these animals the compassion, trust and love they deserve.

At Welcome Home, we recognize the importance of humanely caring for all animals. They are recognized as unique beings with individual personalities. They receive nurturing attention, which in most cases was denied to them before coming to us. We work on behalf of the animals and recognize that all animals in the sanctuary, human and non-human are of equal importance.

Welcome Home Animals Sanctuary is driven by the philosophy that kindness and respect to animals is our duty.

Guidelines to follow while volunteering at Welcome Home:

***Volunteers are expected to treat all animals with kindness and respect. This sanctuary is their safe place, away from abuse or cruelty in any form. Always use kind words with the animals and never, ever for any reason use any type of violence towards them.**

***Respect the animal's space. Always approach calmly and never "force" an animal to interact with you.**

***Do not feed the animals unless being supervised by a staff member. Do not have food on your person unless given to you by a staff member.**

***Low heeled, closed toed shoes are required.**

***Long pants or jeans are recommended.**

***Stay in the designated areas only. A Welcome Home staff member will advise you on where the Off Limits areas are. This is for your safety.**

***We recognize that our dietary lifestyle may not align with all of our volunteers. We are a strictly vegan sanctuary, and referring to the animals as “bacon” or “hamburger” is very offensive to us and disrespectful to the animals. Please be considerate in using words that refer to the animals as something other than the beautiful, sentient beings that they are.**

***We do not allow meat or dairy products at the sanctuary, as most of the animals in our care are survivors of the meat and dairy industry.**

***We encourage you to ask questions and learn the animal’s stories.**