



Michigan  
Humane

# Group Volunteering





# Welcome!

Thank you for choosing Michigan Humane to for your volunteer experience.

*We rely on compassionate people like you to help us fulfill our mission and serve the animals entrusted in our care. That's why we can't thank you enough for your volunteer spirit.*

## About Michigan Humane

Michigan Humane is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. This means we do not receive government funding. Instead, we rely on people like you for gifts of your time and/or charitable donations. Your contribution as a volunteer helps us support more than 100,000 animals annually.



## Dress Code Requirements

Please wear long durable pants (jeans preferred), tennis shoes, and a comfortable t-shirt for volunteer experiences. Short pants, slip on shoes, and sandals are not permitted.

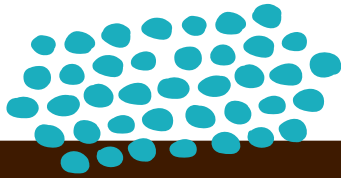
Please dress in layers or wear appropriate accessories for outdoor events.

## Contact

Ashley Ray  
Volunteer Coordinator of Recruitment, Onboarding, & Special Events

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[aray@michiganhumane.org](mailto:aray@michiganhumane.org)





# Our Locations

 **Mackey Center for Animal Care (In-shelter Opportunity)**

7887 Chrysler Dr.  
Detroit, MI 48211  
Thursdays 9:30 am -12:30 pm

 **Berman Center for Animal Care (In-shelter Opportunity)**

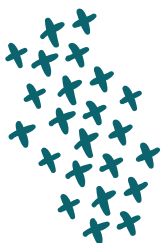
900 N Newburgh Rd.  
Westland, MI 48185  
Tuesdays 8:30 am -12:00 pm

 **Gleaners Warehouse (Home Deliveries)**

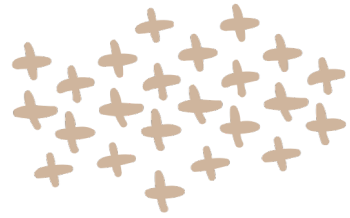
2189 Beaufait St, Detroit MI 48207  
Monday & Tuesday 9 am-12 pm or 1-4pm

 **Doggy Recess**

Detroit (Tuesdays) and Westland (Thursdays) Locations  
9 -11 am  
Limited Availability  
\*Only available April - November



# In-Shelter Role Descriptions



## Dishes, Laundry, General Cleaning

Volunteers in this position will help the adoption center team with cleaning and general upkeep around the facility. Duties include washing dishes, washing and putting away laundry, cleaning litter pans, sweeping, mopping, and other general tasks as needed. To assist in this role, you must be comfortable with cleaning up animal waste and working with chemicals for cleaning/sanitizing.

## Shelter Care - Cleaning with Dogs

Volunteers in this position will assist the animal care staff with their morning cleaning routines for dogs. This role can be considered labor intensive and it may not be suitable for everyone. Duties can include wiping down dirty cages, hosing down/scrubbing kennels, changing out soiled bedding, unfolding newspaper, preparing food dishes, sweeping, mopping, and taking out trash. To assist with this role, you must be comfortable with working in a loud environment and cleaning up animal waste.



## Shelter Care - Cleaning with Cats

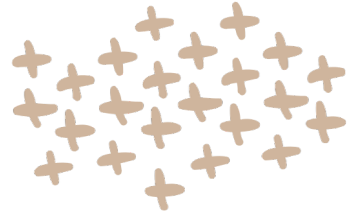
Volunteers in this position will assist the animal care staff with their morning cleaning routines for cats. This role can be considered labor intensive and it may not be suitable for everyone. Duties will include wiping down dirty cages, changing out soiled bedding, changing litter pans, unfolding newspaper, preparing food dishes, sweeping, mopping, and taking out trash. To assist with this role, you must be comfortable with cleaning up animal waste.

## Enrichment Prep

Volunteers in this situation can be seated in one of rooms creating a variety of enrichment prep for our shelter animals and off-site events. Cutting hot dogs, creating foraging bags, play tubes, and cat enrichment toys as well.



# Home Deliveries Experience



## Keeping Families Fed

Volunteers are needed to help us positively impact our community members that are homebound or have limited access to transportation, by providing deliveries of pet food and non-perishables directly to their porch. This program provides services at no cost to pet owners who would otherwise face difficulties providing for their animal which could result in them needing to be rehomed. Together we can keep pets out of shelters and in loving homes with full bellies! For additional information on our Humane Communities initiatives, please visit: <https://mihumanecommunities.org/>

## What to Expect

Volunteers will meet at Michigan Humane's Caplan Family Pet Pantry for delivery assignments and to break into groups of 2-3 individuals for carpooling/transporting food.

Volunteers will carpool in groups of 2-3 using their own vehicles, picking up items and traveling from our pet pantry/warehouse and to predetermined places throughout our community.

Cars traveling to make deliveries will be assigned between 4-6 stops within the city of Detroit. Travel time could be between 1-2 hours depending on assignments.

Food items are to be dropped off on the owner's porch.

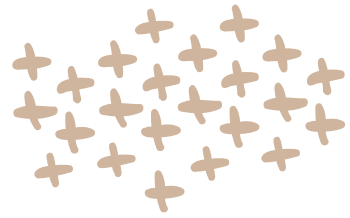
We will provide approximately 30 deliveries during this event.

## Requirements

Volunteers in this role must be comfortable delivering to community members within the neighborhoods of Detroit, lifting between 30-50 lbs with support, and using their own care for transportation. Don't forget, volunteer mileage is tax deductible at 14 cents per mile!



# Straw Bagging (Seasonal)



Join our Community Solutions team, every Tuesday throughout winter, at our warehouse on Beaufait Street to unload and bag straw for outdoor animals! When cold temperatures arrive, livestock and other outdoor pet animals don't always have the option to cozy up indoors, but they're no less deserving of comfortable bedding. In this role, volunteers will unload, separate, and bag straw bales that Michigan Humane will then distribute throughout our community to keep those animals warm and happy all season.

Bagging straw is a physically strenuous role but an absolute blast, best suited for volunteers eager to get in touch with their inner farmer!

## Role Requirements:

Ability to reach, pull, and bend/twist at waist

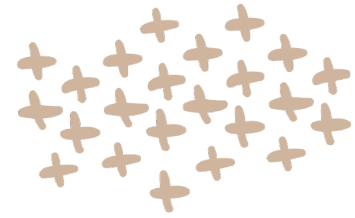
Ability to lift and move between 20-30 pounds

Volunteers in this role will be exposed to potential allergens in the straw

Attire and equipment: Volunteer shirt, long pants, and closed toe shoes or boots are required Slip resistant and/ or sturdy footwear is recommended Warm, durable coats or dressing in layers is recommended as the work will take place outdoors Work gloves, safety glasses, and masks are recommended for comfort while handling straw Hand/foot warmers and hot drinks are provided, but volunteers are welcome to bring their own Breaks are provided as needed Community Solutions staff will be present throughout the event to provide support.



# Off-Site Experiences



## Pet Food Distribution

Volunteers in this position will help ensure families in the Metro-Detroit area are able to stay together, by providing bags of cat and dog food at our Gleaner's Food Bank partnership events. This partnership program with Gleaner's Food Bank operates on a drive-up model. Volunteers will assist with picking orders and loading them into our client's cars. Volunteers will be operating outdoors. These events take place in mornings and afternoons and welcome 6 volunteers at a time.

- Hand items to the program participants
- Assist with helping program participants load their items into their car
- Bending down or kneeling
- Must be able to lift 25-40 lbs

**Role Requirements:** Volunteers in this position must be able to stand/be on their feet for up to 3 hours. Volunteers must be willing to assist Michigan Humane in our mission through clear, open communication. This includes reading and following all posted signage to help us maintain the safety of others.

You can view upcoming dates we will provide these services [HERE](#). If there is a date/location you are interested in, please contact Ashley Ray, [aray@michiganhumane.org](mailto:aray@michiganhumane.org) to see if this date is available.

## Events

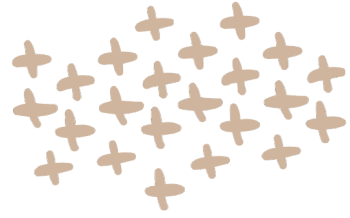
Our major event season is throughout the summer. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with greeting guests, checking in animals for veterinary care, directing traffic, etc. Some of these events are options for group volunteering. Typically groups can assist with:

- One Health Clinics (Multiple Dates in Summer Months)
- Detroit Tigers - Bark in the Park (50/50 Raffle)

If you are interested in discussing event volunteer options for your team, please contact us.



# Doggy Recess



## Doggy Recess

Visit the Mackey or Berman Center for some recess time with canine friends! This weekly play yard event gives adoptable dogs time out of kennel to de-stress and decompress in the company of their human volunteer pals. It's a time for the dogs to take in the fresh air, sniff and investigate the yards, run around, and enjoy some uninhibited play!

This is a great opportunity to socialize and enrich the lives of our shelter dogs beyond the usual walks! Supervision will be provided by the behavior team and volunteer coordinator, so volunteers of any training level are welcome to participate!



Detroit Shelter - Select Tuesdays - 9-11am  
Westland Shelter - Select Thursdays - 9-11am

Our Behaviorist will be in attendance to assist.

**\*\*Only available from April through October.**





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