

# Legacy Project

Our Volunteer Experience

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# Summary

*The Franklin County Humane Society volunteer program gives volunteers the opportunity to help take care of unwanted animals. FCHS is a small, privately run, non-profit organization dedicated to serving homeless, abandoned, and lost companion animals in the area. Our time was used to change the lives of at least one animal in the shelter. 45% of all animals FCHS receives are litters of babies and about 1/3 of all animals they receive are owned pets whose owners could no longer take care of them. They try to place those animals in loving homes or transfer them to rescue groups. Animals that appear happy and healthy have a better chance of being adopted. The small tasks such as cleaning out cages, walking dogs, playing with cats, bathing the animals, and just generally making a better living environment for them during their stay at the shelter is the biggest impact anyone could make. Our volunteering experience involved just that.*

# Experience (By Haylee)

Volunteering at the Humane Society was a lot of fun for me. I got to play with lots of cute puppies and Kittens. But it also open up my eyes to the fact that some animals are actually treated really badly and they need our help. The humane society really does a great job making sure these animals get the help they need and volunteers like us make sure they get cuddled and loved so they don't get lonely. Personally, there were a lot of cute pets that I would've loved to take home and keep as my pet but then when I found out that they had been adopted or when I actually saw a family come in and pick out a pet, it was the best feeling. I just knew that this pet, who was left unwanted in a shelter, would go home with a family that would love them forever. It was really a great experience for me to go in and take care of these pets. It is definitely something I plan on continuing beyond this project.

# Experience (By Rebecca)

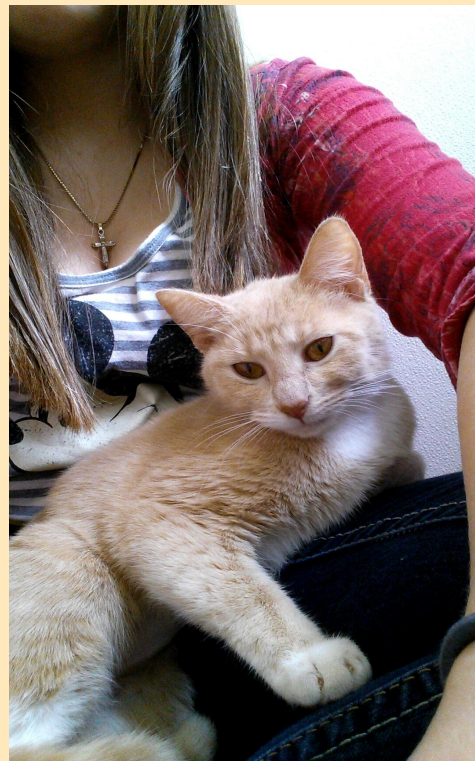
Volunteering at the Humane Society in Franklin County had a big impact on me. It showed me how every animal should receive love and care. It made the biggest impact seeing how sad and lonely animals can get and seeing how terrible they get treated. The Humane Society and the volunteer program definitely gives animals the treatment they deserve! Seeing the excitement in the animals when I would go in to play with them or pet them really made a difference in my life to know that just spending at least 5 minutes with them makes them feel loved. On the days I wouldn't be able to go over and volunteer, I still thought about how the animals are doing and if any of them got adopted yet. Being in that environment really helped me become a more caring person, not just with animals, but with people as well. Seeing some of the animals get adopted was a great experience as well. You could just see the excitement in the animal when someone would be in the adoption room with them. I know for sure I will continue my volunteer services because of how much the animals and even the workers have impacted me. No matter what, animals deserve a good home and love and the Humane Society helps to give them just that.

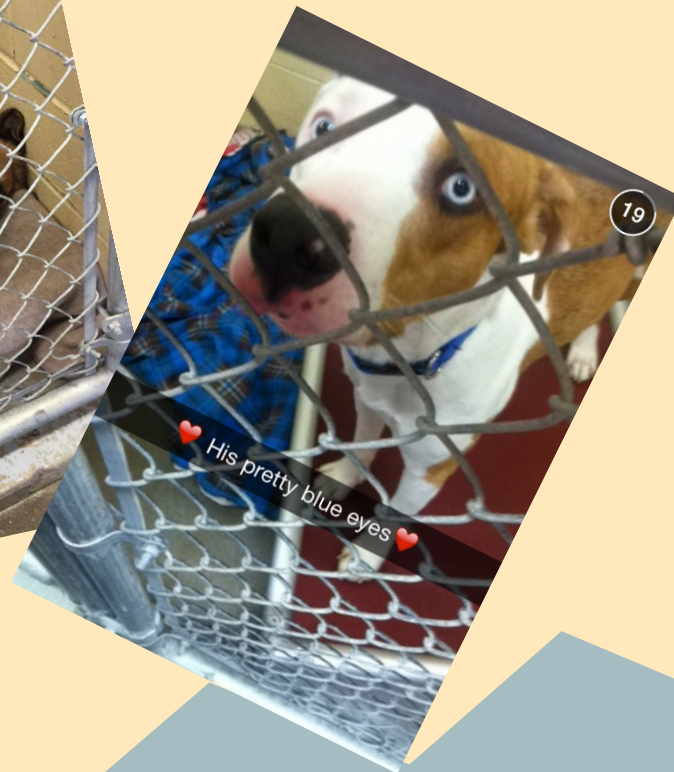
# Interview

## With Humane Society Worker

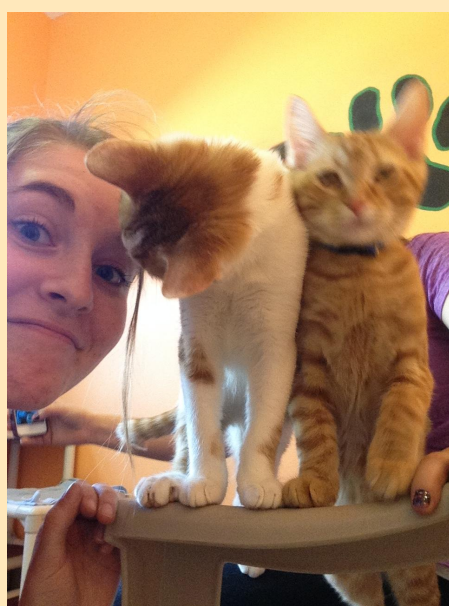
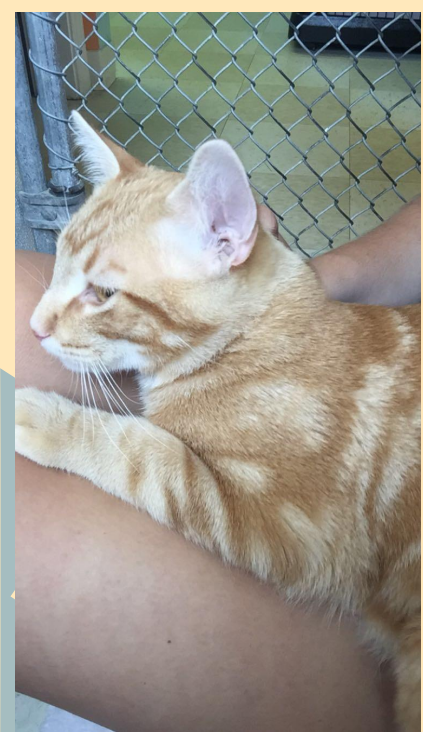
- *About how many volunteers are there?*
  - ◆ *There are too many to count because they come and go at different times but we do have a few that come in regularly.*
- *What kind of things do the volunteers do to help?*
  - ◆ *They can simply just play with the animals to give them love, take care of their kennels by cleaning them, unfold newspapers, clean, anything they do helps a ton.*
- *How much of an impact do the volunteers have on the shelter?*
  - ◆ *The volunteers have a huge impact. They help a ton around the shelter and without them we would need so much help around here.*

# Just a bunch of Cuteness...





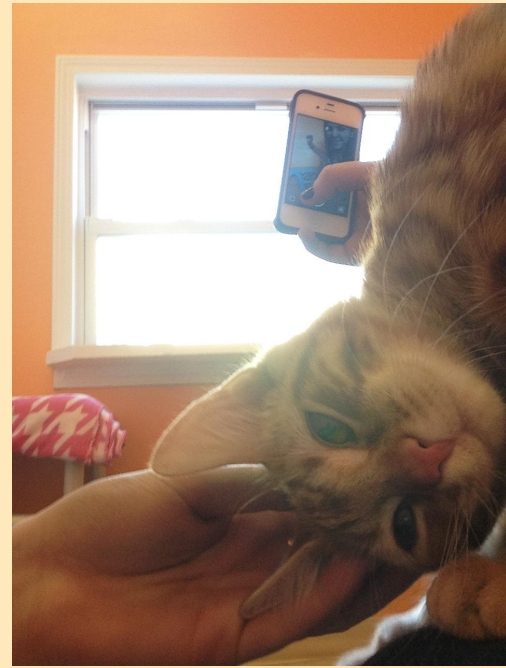
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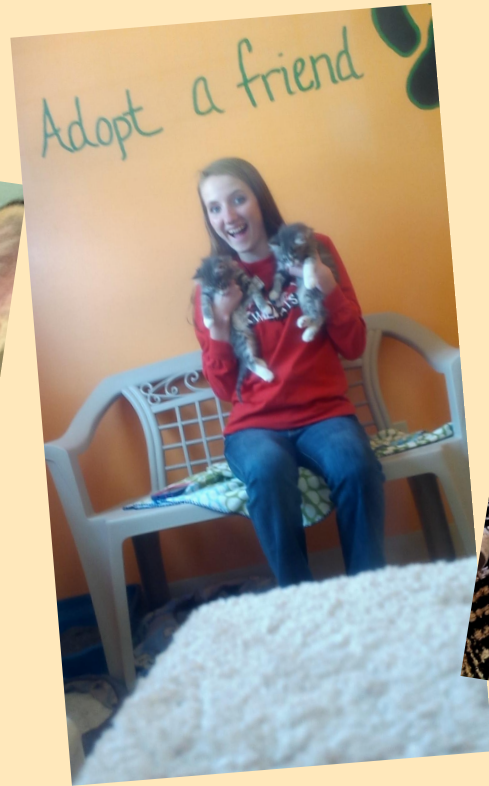






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Good luck!!!