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## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

**June 26, 2008**

El Paso Animal Services would like to establish a strong and committed volunteer base so that the animals housed in our shelter have a higher quality of life while in our care.

The requirements for volunteering at the El Paso Animal Shelter are:

- The volunteer must be at least 16 years of age and (if underage) he/she must have parental consent to volunteer hours at the El Paso Animal Services facility.
- The potential volunteer must submit a City of El Paso Volunteer Application form and submit it to Leticia Bethea at the Public Health Department Administration Building located at 5115 El Paso Drive, El Paso, Texas 79905.
- The potential volunteer must be subject to a background check, as per city regulation.

The activities volunteers would be able carry out at El Paso Animal Services are:

- Answering telephones
  - Regarding questions on Pet Care-A-Van schedules, hours of operation etc.
- Assisting the public with questions on adoption processes
  - Fee information and adoption procedures, escorting to animal adoption area etc
- Assisting the health education specialist at Health Fairs
- Assisting with pet-family reunion efforts
  - Includes making calls to presumed pet owners
- Assisting in the pet care-a-van
  - Organizing records, helping with applications, verifying documents
- Cleaning of cages, grounds, and facilities.
- Data entry of information into the Chameleon database

El Paso Animal Services is located on 5001 Fred Wilson Rd El Paso TX, 79906. Those interested should pick up an application at El Paso Animal Services or print one from our website <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/health/animal.asp> . However, the applications must

be submitted directly to Leticia Bethea at the Public Health Department Building. If there are any questions regarding volunteer work at El Paso Animal Service please contact Carla Alvarado at Animal Services 915-842-1000.