

Dutchess County SPCA Volunteer Information for Bard Students

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Dutchess County SPCA (DCSPCA) welcomes Bard students to volunteer in various departments. Volunteers perform vital services for the welfare of the animals, freeing staff to do their jobs and allowing us to help many more animals than we otherwise could. Without volunteers to walk dogs, socialize cats, and assist in the many responsibilities associated with caring for such a large population of animals, DCSPCA would not be able to maintain its high standards of animal care.

Interested students should complete the <u>Application Form</u> Confirmed and selected student volunteers will be able to volunteer on pre-scheduled days and times.

Transportation: The Career Development Office may be able to provide transportation if the volunteer schedule and availability of drivers align. Alternatively, students will be required to arrange transportation for themselves to the shelter either via private vehicle or to coordinate with the <u>Dutchess County Loop</u>, Route C, which would require participants to make a 20-minute walk to and from the bus stop to the shelter.

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DCSPCA Volunteer Coordinator:

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- > Dog walking (requires a training session)
- Cat socialization (interactive play and handling)
- Shelter upkeep (laundry, cleaning)
- > Enrichment (making kongs and toys)
- > Donation sorting and stocking
- Grounds maintenance (weed whacking, playground cleanup)
- > Office work (computer entry, filing) and many other project-based activities.