



Grooming Assistant

Why volunteer as a Grooming Assistant?

Many animals come into our care that may need some special attention in the grooming department. With your help, you can assist our groomer with nail trims, baths, and grooms to make animals in our care as comfortable as possible while they wait for their forever families.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Nail trims
- Baths and medicated baths
- Grooming
- Spot clean and deep clean grooming area
- Assist with sweeping floor
- Disinfect grooming room floors after shift
- Clean and disinfect grooming room kennels after each use
- Clean and disinfect grooming tub after each use
- Assist groomer with all other duties as needed

Requirements

- Must be able to work with a variety of animals such as dogs, cats, and small animals
- Must be able to commit to a minimum of two shifts per month
- Must be able to work in a fast-paced environment
- Must be able to bend, squat, kneel and stand for prolonged periods of time
- Must be comfortable with being on your feet and moving around for prolonged periods of time
- Must perform grooms using as stress free methods as possible
- Must know or be willing to learn stress free grooming methods
- Must know or be willing to learn basic dog behavior cues
- Must know or be willing to learn basic cat behavior cues

Shifts

- Volunteers must sign up for shifts a minimum of 12 hours in advance
- Shift times: Monday - Sunday: 9-11am, 12-2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm

Training

- Volunteers will sign up for a training shift, where they will receive on the job training. The training shift takes place every Sunday from 9-11am.

HOW TO APPLY

Current Volunteers: email volunteer@arl-iowa.org

New Volunteers: will need to complete new volunteer onboarding process

Skills (preferred, but not required)

- Prior grooming experience with dogs, cats, or small animals
- Basic dog handling skills
- Basic cat handling skills
- Self-starter