



Thank you for opening
your heart to our
**VOLUNTEER
PROGRAMME**

No gesture is too small, any skill can be
used and every hand makes a difference!



*Together we
can do so
much more!*

Purpose: Why we need you!



At Huistoe Animal Welfare, we are the only family many of our rescued dogs have ever known. With almost 50 dogs currently in our care, where many were rescued from abuse, neglect, or abandonment — we face an incredible daily challenge. All of this, while our core team works full-time jobs, running Huistoe purely out of love, after hours and weekends. We simply cannot do it alone anymore.

We need compassionate hands, steady hearts, and willing souls to join our mission. We need a team we can depend on, and the idea is to get enough volunteers on a rotation basis, so that no one feels burdened, but all our dogs get the care and love they deserve.

Your time as a volunteer will directly improve the wellbeing of our dogs—whether it's a gentle cuddle that gives a scared pup hope, a shared walk that boosts confidence, a helping with fundraising and events or even just taking beautiful photos or videos that can help a furry friend find their forever home. Volunteers aren't just helpers. They're lifelines. They are the backbone of animal welfare, and we simply can't do this without your help.

When you give even just 1 hour a week, you become part of a dog's healing. You help a dog who once shook in fear learn to trust again. You give us a chance to breathe, to regroup, and to carry on. You help Huistoe survive—and more importantly, help our animals thrive.

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Volunteer objectives

- To enhance the daily care and enrichment of the animals at Huistoe.
- To expand the organisation's reach through fundraising, marketing, and events.
- To provide practical and professional support in areas where skills are needed.
- To build a community of compassionate, active animal lovers.





How will it work?

Time commitment

We do not want volunteering to become a burden. The idea is to do as much as possible with what we have, and get help on a rotation basis to accommodate schedules and reduce workload

Share your schedule and we will work something out!

- Even 1 hour a week can make a big difference!
- Volunteers can choose between ad-hoc, daily, weekly, or monthly shifts.
- Weekend volunteers especially needed.
- A volunteer calendar will be set up for scheduling.



Onboarding & Training

- Casual coffee date session
- Basic orientation at shelter to introduce you to our animals and operation
- Animal handling and safety tips
- Training session from an animal behaviourist
- Role-specific guidelines
- Volunteer WhatsApp group and monthly check-in

Whats in it for you?

- Letter of recommendation
- Animal experience and short courses
- Become part of our family
- Very cool Huistoe merchandise
- And knowing that you make a difference!!

We need a trustworthy, dedicated team that Huistoe and our dogs can really depend on



Volunteer Roles & Areas of help

Ideally we want to implement a buddy system: Where volunteers get grouped together with certain dogs and take initiative to optimize their rehabilitation and care to enhance their quality of life and help finding a home

Animal care Volunteers

- Daily feeding, grooming, cuddling and walking of dogs on rotation basis according to schedule and availability
- Assist with vet visits • Do home checks in your area of living
- Actively help with rescuing & rehabilitation



Fundraising and Events

- Help organise raffles, markets, and adoption days
- Approach local businesses for sponsorships
- Plan and set up fundraising drives
- Work stalls or info booths at events fun days

How can you help?



Community outreaches

- Assist with school talks or public awareness events
- Represent Huistoe at community gatherings
- Educate others about responsible pet ownership

Creative souls

- Beautify our shelter
- Take creative photos and videos of dogs and events for social media
- Make cool arts and crafts to sell for fundraising



DIY & Maintenance help

- Build kennels, fences, dog beds, or toys
- Assist with general repairs at the shelter
- Help with painting, signage, plumbing, etc.

Administration

- General admin, enquiries, errands, document/filing



Want to join?

Please complete the form below:

Name:

Date of Birth:

ID Number:

Cellphone no:

Email Address:

Home Address:

Areas of interest?

- ☐ Buddy system
- ☐ Dog walking
- ☐ Dog playing/socialising
- ☐ Rehabilitation
- ☐ Grooming
- ☐ Home visits
- ☐ Vet visits
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Kennel beauty
- ☐ Maintenance
- ☐ Events/fundraising
- ☐ Admin
- ☐ General errands
- ☐ Occasional shelter sitter/caretaker
- ☐ Other?



Days available:

- ☐ Weekdays mornings
- ☐ Weekdays afternoon
- ☐ Weekends mornings
- ☐ Weekends afternoons
- ☐ Ad-hoc/on call

Planned time

- ☐ 1 hour
- ☐ 2-3 hours
- ☐ Half day
- ☐ Full day

Other/Additional comments:

Please write us a short letter to tell us more about you, why you would love to help, and also whether you have any experience?

Email this form with your letter to info@huistoecharity.co.za