

# **Transport Associate**

**POSITION TYPE:** Voluntary

POSITION REPORTS TO: Community Programs Manager OR Veterinary Technician OR Outsource Coordinator

**POSITION SUMMARY:** Transport Associates transport animals (small and large) to rescue or veterinary partners. Transport to rescue can save an animal's life by transferring them to a facility where an adoption is guaranteed. Transport to veterinarians is essential to the animal's health and preparation for adoption.

- Use own vehicle to drive animals to local veterinarians.
- Use own vehicle or shelter vehicles to transport animals to rescue organizations (sometimes 300+ miles)
- Interact with cats and dogs in proper and non-aggressive play.
- Clean up after dogs and cats at all times when out of the kennels.
- Serve as a respectful, professional representative of GMHS.
- Practice safe transport procedures.
- Relay pertinent medical information to staff related by veterinarians.

## POSITION SPECIFICATIONS:

Volunteer must have access to a vehicle to transport small and large animals safely in crates. If using shelter vehicles, he/she must provide copy of driver's license and may not have a moving violation in the past 5 years. He/She must also have the ability to communicate well and follow directions with minimal supervision. He/She must be gentle and patient when working with animals.

## TRAINING REQUIRED:

- Read and understand the volunteer manual.
- Attend Transport Training.

#### WORKING CONDITIONS:

Subject to animal bites and scratches. Exposure to chemicals, prescribed drugs such as antibiotics, topical medications, etc, and cleaning products. Exposure to zoonotic (animal transmitted) diseases. Frequent interaction with the animal welfare organization representatives, veterinarians, staff, other volunteers.

#### **PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential function of this job.

Regular lifting up to 10 lbs, frequent lifting to 35 lbs, and occasional lifting over 35 lbs with reasonable accommodations. Frequent sitting and standing; occasional walking, bending, and stooping.

# TIME COMMITMENT:

A commitment of assisting with at least one local transport a month and two long-distance transports a year is required. Dates/times vary depending on transport needs.