

# **Friends of Oakland Animal Services**

Job Title:	Cat Foster and Working Cat Program Coordinator
General Purpose:	Under general supervision, shares responsibility for administering the foster program for kittens and cats and has primary responsibility for the working cat relocation program.
Location:	Oakland Animal Services 1101 29 <sup>th</sup> Ave Oakland, CA 94601
Job Classification:	Full-time, hourly, non-exempt position
Reports to:	FOAS Executive Director for employment matters  OAS Director or his/her designee for daily job operational needs
To Apply:	Please email resume and cover letter to Tony@oaklandsanimals.org
Job Description	

### **Job Duties and Responsibilities**

#### Kitten/Cat Foster Program

- Recruits and trains foster care providers
- Coordinates movement of shelter animals into and out of foster care; orders/provides supplies as needed
- Coordinates and assists with veterinary care for animals in the foster program
- · Maintains regular contact with foster care providers; provides support for behavior and medical issues
- Maintains meticulous records of animal care, status and location using the shelter database software
- Provides regular reports to shelter management and the FOAS board regarding program status, successes and challenges
- Other duties as assigned

## **Working Cat Program**

- Markets Working Cat program and fields all inquiries
- Facilitates feral cat adoptions and placements
- Coordinates veterinary care for cats prior to placement
- Provides post-adoption follow up and support
- In coordination with shelter staff, identifies feral cats who can be released to their previous home
- Coordinates with finders/neighbors or transfer partners for feral cat release
- Interacts with/educates people who bring feral cats into OAS and/or complains about cats in their neighborhood
- Works with feral cat feeders to promote spay/neuter and healthy colonies
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### **Qualifications and Education Requirements**

- Associates degree or equivalent from an accredited college or technical school
- Experience with trap-neuter-return and facilitating feral cat placements
- Familiarity with the local community of organizations working with feral cats
- Familiarity by training or experience with basic animal care such as handling animals, vaccination, deworming, weighing and giving medications
- One year of experience working or volunteering with an animal care, rescue, or shelter

#### Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Commitment to the mission, goals and success of Oakland Animal Services
- Knowledge of basic animal health care and safe animal handling practices
- Strong computer skills, including Microsoft Office and database systems
- Ability to establish and maintain effective and cooperative working relations with the public and other employees.
- Flexibility, adaptability, aptitude for effectively prioritizing multiple tasks and a strong work ethic
- Ability to recognize symptoms of common animal diseases; ability to lift and handle cats and dogs (including large breeds).

### **Working Conditions**

- Primary work location in an animal shelter environment
- Exposure to loud noises in the kennel areas
- Potential for exposure to animal feces, blood, and zoonotic diseases
- Potential for exposure to animal bites and scratches
- Must be able to work a flexible schedule which may include evenings and weekends
- Must be able to tolerate the emotional aspect of work in an animal shelter environment, including the use of euthanasia

## Compensation

• \$21 - \$23 / hour DOE; Nine select paid holidays, plus accrued vacation and sick time based on hours worked. Partial health benefits and 401k retirement plan also offered.