

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

The Northwoods Humane Society's efforts to serve animals in need is dependent on volunteers, donors and a strong staff. We have been blessed with all three. As we all know, life is fluid. Our volunteers' lives change, we age, and we leave the north woods in the winter.

If you are a person that stays in area for our beautiful winters, please consider being a Northwoods Humane Society volunteer. Here are the areas of need.

The Thrift Shop is losing 7 volunteers to the sunshine states and one to health issues. We need someone who will work with donated linens. This person(s) may come in on any day – Monday thru Saturday. They may pick their start time and decide on how many hours they would like to work. Caring for linens includes reviewing each item's condition, sizing, bundling and pricing. There are guidelines for sizing and pricing and placement. This is not a physical job and most is done in a sitting position.

There is a need for some cashiers. The cashier's day starts at 10:45 getting ready, opening the store at 11 am and closing the doors at 3 p.m. Paula Bilitz does the training and often you are teamed with another cashier. Again, there are guidelines to follow so you don't have to guess what to do. You have the opportunity to greet customers and share their stories.

The 'Thrift' group is losing 4 volunteers to sunnier weather. I am a Thrift person that is staying. We receive donations, sort, clean and sometimes fix donated items and we price them. Some of us come in to put items that are ready on the shelves. We start about 10 am (it can be earlier) and work until about 3 p.m. Some of us may stay for 2 hours some for 6 hours. It is ideal that there be two people in the back if possible. We have good conversations and we laugh a lot. There is the constant surprise when opening donations.

The boutique area of the Thrift Shop is losing one volunteer. This group sorts, steams, prices and puts items on the racks.

The NHS Shelter has three areas of need. We are losing several cleaners. Cat volunteers start between 7:30 and 8:30 and work for about 2 hours. If you are a cat lover this is a super fun thing to do – it is just you and the cats. This is true for the dogs too. Cleaning the dogs is a little more physical. Walking dogs is a healthy thing to do for both you and the dogs.

The Shelter is also in need of a couple of volunteers for the Office area. There is a lot that goes on at the Shelter and much to learn, so being at the desk is educating and very busy.

Being a volunteer at the shelter and/or the Thrift Shop is purposeful and rewarding. The monies raised from the Thrift Shop supports the work at the Shelter. The shop brings in 50% of our annual revenue. The Northwoods Humane Society is a non-profit 501c3 organization. The Thrift Shop is an all-volunteer run shop. If you think that volunteering would be right for you, please call me at 715-634-4543 or stop in the shop or shelter for a volunteer application. You may also get the application on our website [www.northwoodshumanesociety.org](http://www.northwoodshumanesociety.org).

The NHS Thrift Shop will be part of the Hayward Business 'Shop and Sip' which takes place on Thursday, October 12 from 4 pm to 7 pm. Stop in to shop and sip and pick up a volunteer application.