

GIVE A LITTLE, GAIN A LOT

Volunteering for Grand County Pet Pals, Inc. can be a very rewarding experience. With a little time and effort, a volunteer can make a huge difference in the lives of the animals.

Opportunities to help are varied. Several times a year, Pet Pals holds fundraisers at local grocery stores. These fundraisers are a great way to find homes for animals as well as bring in money, food, treats, and other items that the animals need. Another important benefit of the fundraisers is that it provides a way to educate the public about what we do to support the Grand County Animal Shelter.

One of the main events volunteers are needed for is the annual "Doggie Drag", which is a 5K or 10K walk or run with your dog. This wonderful event has been held for eight years and many volunteers make sure the event runs smoothly. Help is needed for everything from advertising, course set-up, gathering of items for the silent auction, to working the registration tables on the day of the event. There is nothing better than seeing over 100 wagging tails in one spot and knowing that less fortunate animals will be helped as a result.

The two final events of the year are the Photos with Santa and the Festival of Trees. If you want to have a fun time, volunteer to help out with the Santa photos! This event has been so successful that it will be held for two days instead of just one this year.

If you can spare an hour or two every month or so (not a huge commitment), consider signing up to become a Pet Pals' volunteer. You'll get a huge return!