



Single-Day Group Volunteering and Corporate Engagement

About ARLNH

The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire (ARLNH) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to rescuing, sheltering, and adopting animals to the public as well as providing programs to the community. Each year, ARLNH assists over 2,000 dogs, cats, and small animals.

Volunteering with our Organization:

Thank you! - The work accomplished by our volunteers is essential to helping us achieve our mission. When volunteering, you give so much more than just your time. You put your energy, passion, creativity, and talent into every task. ARLNH treasures our relationships with local businesses and organizations who support our mission and strive to make our community a better place for animals and the people who care for them. Volunteering with our organization is both a fun and rewarding way to give back to your community!

Major Objective:

Along with educating our community and building awareness, the main objective of group volunteering is to assist staff with cleaning and organization, shelter projects, and enrichment activities. This frees up valuable time for our staff to work one on one with adopters and animals who need extra attention.

Structure of Group Service Days:

Group volunteering is a great way for companies that are passionate about their communities to make a direct impact. Studies show that companies that offer corporate volunteer opportunities have higher employee engagement, productivity, and retention! Our group opportunities are designed to promote team-building and ensure that your staff is able to make a contribution that they can feel good about.

Our Volunteer Coordinator will work with you to plan a volunteer opportunity or project that your group will be passionate about. Group Volunteer Days begin with a tour of the shelter and include the use of our Multi-Purpose Room for an optional team-building exercise activity and/or lunch (self-planned), as well as time to take pictures and spend socializing and playing with a shelter pet following your volunteer project.

Donations:

We request that companies make a \$500 charitable donation to help defray the cost of staffing and supplies for their volunteer project. We thank you for supporting our programs which are entirely funded by contributions from caring individuals and organizations like yours. If you are unable to give this donation, let us know and we will work with you to find an appropriate amount or alternative option.

Group Size:

Depending on the volunteer opportunity and location (indoor vs. outdoor), ARLNH can accommodate the following group sizes. Larger groups can be accommodated on a limited basis.

- Winter Months: 4-6 group members, including team leaders
- Warmer Months: 4-20 group members, including team leaders

Scheduling:

Group volunteer opportunities are scheduled Mondays-Fridays between the hours of 10 am- 4 pm. We suggest scheduling half-day volunteer opportunities (4-5 hours), but full-day opportunities may be available depending on the project. Please email our Volunteer Coordinator, Josie Dupouy, at jdupouy@rescueleague.org to request date(s) and preferred opportunities. Please email your requests no later than 30 days prior to your preferred date.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Indoor Opportunities: deep cleaning and organizing, painting, preparing enrichment for animals, sorting donations, laundry, special projects (limited, availability depends on current needs)

Outdoor Opportunities: landscaping and weeding, trail maintenance, painting, preparing outdoor enrichment for dogs, special projects (limited, availability depends on current needs)

What to Wear:

Volunteers should wear:

- ✓ Long pants
- ✓ Sturdy, closed-toe shoes
- ✓ Volunteer name badge

Volunteers should not wear:

- ✗ Shorts
- ✗ Flip-flops, sandals, and other open-toed shoes
- ✗ Dangling jewelry that could get caught and cause injury

Location:

Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire | 545 Route 101, Bedford, NH 03110

Parking and Arrival:

- Parking is available along the side of the building in the staff and volunteer parking area as well as at the front of the building. Parking is limited so we recommend that large groups carpool whenever possible.
- Group members will gather outdoors near the front entrance for outdoor opportunities and in our Multi-Purpose Room for indoor opportunities.
- We ask that group members arrive no later than 10 minutes after the start time so no one misses any important safety info!
- Upon arrival, all volunteers must complete and sign a volunteer release form.

Animal Interactions:

ARLNH prioritizes the safety of all volunteers, staff, and animals in our care! Not all animals will be available to visit with during your volunteer opportunity. The last 20-30 minutes of your opportunity will be spent meeting an available animal and learning about them! We may split up into smaller groups to do this depending on the size of your group to make it less stressful for the

animals. While volunteering, if you see a dog walking on leash, please ask the handler if it's okay if you approach before doing so.

Other Frequently Asked Questions:

Can we take pictures for social media? Yes! We love to see photos of your group volunteering with us and appreciate you sharing your photos so that we can post them on our own social media accounts to recognize your organization's volunteer efforts. We love seeing your interactions with our shelter pets and your photos can even help them find homes! *We do have some animals that cannot be photographed so please ask if it is okay before photographing and sharing photos of animals.* Photos can be emailed to jdupouy@rescueleague.org.

Do you have a wishlist and need any in-kind donations? We greatly appreciate donations of items and will gratefully accept new or gently used [wishlist](#) items!

How can our organization become a business partner or sponsor an event? We would love to partner with your organization! For more information [visit our website](#) or email Marianne Jones, CEO, at mjones@rescueleague.org.



Volunteers from GZA Geo Environmental during a day of service.