

# TEEN VOLUNTEER FAIR

## AGES

Children 10+ years

Teens

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Match teens with animal-related volunteer opportunities in your area, such as humane societies, animal shelters, or even veterinarian offices! Local organizations could give presentations about the work they do, then set up behind tables around the room with more information about how to start volunteering. This could also be a fully passive program in which you display local volunteer opportunities and information cards/flyers for teens to take. Suggested runtime: 120 minutes

## MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

For the passive program, you will only need to create a display and leave stacks of handouts for teens to take.

For the volunteer fair, you might need:

- Laptop and AV equipment
- A table for each organization

Contact local organizations to find out which ones need volunteers and/or might be willing to table or present. If possible, request promotional materials that these organizations already have.

## UNIQUE SPACE AND PERSONNEL NEEDS

A large programming room for the volunteer fair.

## RESOURCES

### Web

Humane Society volunteering: <https://www.humanesociety.org/volunteer>

Humane Society International: <https://www.hsi.org/>

PetSmart charities: <https://petsmartcharities.org/pro>

### YA/Adult Animal Careers Nonfiction

#### Young Adult

*Careers if You Like Animals* (2017) by Toney Allman

*Career Opportunities Working with Animals* (2011) by Shelly Field

*Veterinarian* (2003) by John Riddle and Rae Simons

## ADAPTATION:

You could also focus on possible career paths instead. Bring in a local veterinarian to present and share stories about their work. They might also bring animals on which to demonstrate basic, health-related exams.

## TIP:

Vocational high schools and local colleges with vet tech programs may be willing to give information about their programs or send students to present for extra credit.

## TIP:

Remember to check with local pet and/or wildlife rehabilitation centers.

LOW COST | PASSIVE | OUTREACH | OUTSIDE PRESENTER

### Adult

*The Accidental Veterinarian: Tales from a Pet Practice* (2019) by Philipp Schott

*Animal Wise: The Thoughts and Emotions of Our Fellow Creatures* (2013) by Virginia Morell

*Lions and Tigers and Hamsters: What Animals Large and Small Taught Me About Life, Love, and Humanity* (2019) by Mark Goldstein

## YA/Adult Animal Careers Fiction

### Young Adult

*The Dog* (2018) by David Paul Kirkpatrick and Steven James Taylor

*Inubaka: Crazy for Dogs* (Vols. 1–8) by Yukiya Sakuragi

*Margaux With an X* (2004) by Ronald Koertge.

*Last Chance* (A Robyn Hunter Mystery) (2012) by Norah McClintock

*Stay with Me* (2011) by Paul Griffin

*The Unexpected Everything* (2017) by Morgan Matson

### Adult

*All Creatures Great and Small* (2014) by James Herriot

*The Search* (2010) by Nora Roberts

### TIP:

For children's books on working with animals, see Chapter 03: Skype a Scientist.

## RESIZABLE DOWNLOAD

(SEE ONLINE MANUAL OR USB)

## Pet Volunteer Poster Templates

