

The Wildcat Sanctuary Volunteer Program



It will change your life...
while you change
the lives of others!



Hope is Not Extinct

The Wildcat Sanctuary (TWS) is a 501c3 non-profit, no-kill rescue facility located in Sandstone, MN. TWS provides a natural sanctuary to wild cats in need and inspires change to end the captive wildlife crisis. As a true sanctuary, we do not buy, breed, sell or exhibit animals.

The Sanctuary is a home for animals, not a zoo for people and therefore is not open to the public. Combining natural and spacious habitats with a life free of exhibition and exploitation, TWS allows all residents to live wild at heart. TWS advocates for No More Wild Pets in order to create a world where animal sanctuaries are no longer needed.



The Wildcat Sanctuary is the only accredited sanctuary in the Midwest. TWS has earned a national reputation for excellence in rescuing and housing captive wild cats while providing a unique service to animal control officers, local sheriff departments, humane societies, as well as the Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.



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The Wildcat Sanctuary volunteers take on every task with enthusiasm and dedication. Most of our volunteers agree that the best part of volunteering is the sense of satisfaction you get. Satisfaction in learning new skills you never thought possible; satisfaction in helping provide abused and neglected animals a safe haven; satisfaction in knowing the power you hold to forever change the lives of animals who cannot speak for themselves.



What kind of work do volunteers do?

Our volunteers are essential to keep our organization operating efficiently. TWS has only a small staff to care for over 100 animals. We need volunteer help on-site as well as off-site. At the Sanctuary, volunteers assist in building enclosures, perches and concrete caves, performing grounds maintenance and the care of domestic animals. Off-site volunteers are a part of our TWS Awareness & Outreach Program and educate the public on the captive wildlife crisis. This includes expo booths, bi-annual fundraising events, youth events and camps to name a few.

What are the requirements to be a TWS volunteer?

Primarily, a passion for our cause, dedication and a desire to make a difference! Volunteers must be 18 years of age and have transportation to and from the Sanctuary or event site. Many volunteers carpool - so sign up with a friend, or meet some new friends volunteering! We request you go through our orientation, training program and commit to a minimum of one full day per month. Off-site events are scheduled throughout every month and include pet expos, art fairs and other awareness and outreach opportunities.



How do I get started?

Visit our website at WildcatSanctuary.org to download an application, or email us at volunteer@wildcatsanctuary.org and our Volunteer Coordinator will contact you once your completed application is received.



Crew Day Volunteers and Internship Opportunities

Crew volunteering is perfect for clubs, schools, civic groups and team building opportunities for corporations. We also offer animal care, marketing and education internships to current students or recent graduates. If you are interested, please visit wildcatsanctuary.org for detailed information on both programs.