



An Experience for your Family... Youth Volunteer Program

What is Angel's Wish?

Angel's Wish, Inc. is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to reducing animal overpopulation, rehoming companion animals, and raising awareness of animal welfare issues in South Central Wisconsin. We maintain high medical care standards. All animals are spayed or neutered before adoption, vaccinated (rabies, distemper, bordetella), and dewormed. Cats are tested for FeLV/FIV; dogs are tested for heartworm and are microchipped. All adoption fees go directly to animal medical care.



Why is it called Angel's Wish?

Lois Lawrence, one of the founding members of Angel's Wish, once rescued a kitten she named Angel. Angel was found at a construction site one very hot June day, weak with starvation, dehydration, and a severe upper respiratory infection. Unfortunately, neither veterinary treatment nor the love and care of Lois could reverse the toll taken by days of starvation, unquenched thirst, and intense heat. Angel died that night in Lois' arms.

Angel's wish is that no other animal endure the pain and suffering of such a life of abandonment and neglect. It is her wish that the human stewards of this earth work to support and preserve the precious life on this planet and that we strive to create a humane living environment for all animals.

What do kids do?

- ✔ Work at adoption events as greeters, groomers and socializers
- ✔ Photograph animals
- ✔ Help with cleaning at the adoption center
- ✔ Prepare cages for adoption and training events
- ✔ Foster homeless animals waiting to be adopted
- ✔ Work in the gift shop
- ✔ Work in the office
- ✔ Sort printer cartridges and cell phone donations for recycling program
- ✔ Record medical test and vaccination information



Are there requirements?

Yes, to be a youth volunteer you must:

- ✔ Be between the ages of 10 – 18
- ✔ Have written permission from your parent or guardian
- ✔ Complete Youth Volunteer Basic Training (2 hours)

There is no cost for the program, but we do encourage volunteers to become members of Angel's Wish and to wear an Angel's Wish shirt when they work.

How often do kids work?

Sign up to work 2 – 3 hour shifts at adoption and other special events on days that work into your family's schedule.

I'd like to have our whole family involved. Is that possible?

Of course! Many families work together to help Angel's Wish. Some work together to provide a temporary home for Angel's Wish' animals while they are waiting to be adopted. Others take the Youth Volunteer Basic training together, whether they plan to volunteer regularly or not. It's a great source of information about basic animal care for all ages. Another popular family activity is the Dog Jog. Held every September, you and your family (with or without a dog) can walk in Dog Jog and raise money for many groups caring for animals in Southeast Wisconsin. Watch our website for upcoming family events.



Why do I need to take a class?

The homeless animals you meet at adoption events are a little different from your pets. Some have been mistreated, some have never been in a cage before. Most will be frightened by all the new sights, sounds, and smells and they can be unpredictable. The Youth Volunteer Basic Training includes an introduction to Angel's Wish and volunteer opportunities, animal handling, adoption procedures, basic animal care (trimming claws, brushing, feeding, litter box care), and kitten proofing.

I can't volunteer regularly. How else can I help?

Adopt a Friend — Angel's Wish can help you find the perfect animal match! Our primary adoption site is at 163 Paoli St. in Verona, WI. Every Saturday from 10am to 2pm the general public is invited to attend our cat and kitten adoption event. Can't adopt an animal yourself? Tell your friends about adopting homeless animals.

Don't Litter — Spay or neuter your pet; sponsor a spay or neuter for a homeless animal. Remember, kittens and puppies as young as 3-4 months can have babies of their own. Don't add to the number of homeless animals.

Become a Member — Individual, small business, and corporate memberships are available in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$1000. Your name remains confidential; AWI does not sell or share its member or donor listings

Support Angel's Wish When You Shop — AWI can receive cash back.

- ✔ Designate AWI (ID #028750) on your Pick 'n Save Advantage Plus Savings Card
- ✔ Use iGive.com/AW and shop at 400+ name-brand stores like Lands' End and Best Buy
- ✔ Buy books, music and much more from Amazon.com via the link on our website.
- ✔ Stop by currentfun.com for wrapping paper, cards, magazines, and more...
Just choose Wisconsin and Angel's Wish at checkout

Give a Special Gift — Can't figure out what to get for the animal lover who has everything? Carry Angel's Wish into the future by supporting our endowment fund with a gift to honor that special someone's birthday, memory, or anniversary. No gift is too large or too small.



Help Spread the Word

Get a FREE temporary tattoo and a bookmark from Petfinder.com; help spread the word about homeless pets. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope (a long, business-sized one) to: Mark Me, Petfinder.com, P.O. Box 193, Pluckemin, NJ 07978.



How do I contact Angel's Wish?

Address: Angel's Wish Inc.
163 Paoli Street
Verona, WI 53593

Phone: (608) 848-4174

E-mail: info@angelswish.org

Website: www.angelswish.org

Directions: to the Angel's Wish Center
From Madison take Hwy 18-151 (Verona Rd.) south to Verona, exit 77. Turn right at bottom of exit ramp; the adoption center is approximately 1/2 mile on the right.

 **At Angel's Wish, families make a difference!** 

----- ✂ clip and return to Angel's Wish -----

KE

Yes, I will help the animals!

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

- I'd like to join (\$25/year)
- I want to foster homeless animals
- I want to volunteer _____ (age, if under 18 years)
- I want to take a class
- I want to give \$ _____
as a tax deductible donation