Feline Companion and Enrichment

**Purpose:** Our Feline Companions are critical to the health and well-being of our shelter cats. They are the primary providers of the attention, companionship, grooming, and exercise our cats thrive on. Cats often have a difficult time adjusting to shelter life, and it is crucial to help them keep and strengthen their bond with people while waiting for their forever home.

**Location:** Dublin Adoption Center located at 4651 Gleason Drive. Parking is available on-site.

**Training and Shifts:**
- Complete both the online and in-person Feline Companion and Enrichment training components.
- Shifts are available in one-hour increments between 11am-3pm Monday-Friday. See specific shift openings on our application.
- We ask each volunteer to make a six-month minimum commitment, but we hope you stay longer!

**Expectations of Volunteers:**
- Spot cleaning, scooping litter boxes, disinfecting toys, sweeping, and mopping floors as needed.
- Note any behavioral or medical issues and report them to staff.
- Conduct approved enrichment activities in and out of the habitats and condos for the cats/kittens.
- Report any incidents that occur to the volunteer services manager or shelter staff.

**Requirements**
- Commit to a regular weekly 1-hour shift.
- Receptive to coaching and feedback from staff and volunteer leads/mentors.
- Follow all East Bay SPCA policies and procedures.
- Ability to bend, squat, and respond with manual dexterity in case of a loose animal.
- Ability to self-select and not work with an animal if their physicality or behavior is beyond your control or skill level.
- Children 10–15 years old may volunteer as Feline Companions under the direct supervision of a trained parent or guardian and may not carry cats or kittens.

**Questions:**
- If you have general volunteer questions, please direct them to the Volunteer department.
- If you have behavior related questions, please direct them to the Behavior and Training department.