



## Volunteer Position Description

### DOG KENNEL ENRICHMENT

#### Focus of the job:

The primary responsibility of the Kennel Enrichment Volunteer is to help dogs get the attention, play-time and quiet interaction they need through in-kennel socialization and off-leash exercise. Responsibilities may also include bathing and general grooming.

**Reports to:** Kennel Enrichment Coordinator

**Requirements:** Volunteer Orientation, Dog Level 1 Training, 3 months as a volunteer in the Dog Room, interview with Kennel Enrichment Coordinator.

#### Tasks:

- Check Kennel Enrichment Book and kennel cards for information and special instructions.
- Enter kennel safely. Provide enrichment opportunity appropriate to designated dog, including puzzles, toys and treats.
- Prepare puzzles, stuffed Kongs and special treats for distribution to appropriate dogs.
- Mark kennel card with proper information.
- Wash and sanitize hands.

#### Basic skills:

- Must be able to read, write, listen and communicate effectively.
- Must be able to follow established instructions and protocols.
- Must be organized with good attention to detail.
- Must be able to work with other people.
- Experience with animals a plus (but all training will be provided).

#### Physical Requirements:

- Must be able to stand for long periods of time and walk quickly.
- Must be able to bend at the waist and knee and carry 30 lbs.
- Must be able to safely manage dogs.

#### Work Environment:

- Exposure to potential hazards including animal waste, disinfectants, high levels of noise, potential for animal bites and scratches, diseases that can be transmitted from animals to people.
- A wide variety of cleaners, disinfectants, and medical products are used on a daily basis. Specific instructions will be provided on their appropriate use.

**Time commitment:** Weekly, 2-hour shifts for 3-month minimum

**Dress Code:** Volunteer name badge, volunteer t-shirt, closed-toed and closed-heel shoes, long pants, HPAC dog vest and weather-appropriate clothing.

**Advancement:** Dog Level 2 Training, Dog Level 3 Training, Dog Behavior Team