



Volunteer Position Description

DOG POTTY BREAK/SOCIALIZER

Focus of the job:

The role of the Dog Potty Break/Socializer Volunteer is to provide brief walks and potty breaks, help socialize dogs, and keep kennels clean especially during adoption hours.

Reports to: Shift Supervisor

Requirements: Volunteer Orientation, Dog Level 1 Training, 1st two shifts with a mentor

Tasks:

- Check kennel cards for information and special instructions.
- Choose from available appropriate dogs, enter kennel safely and harness and leash dog.
- Walk dog and return to proper kennel.
- 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 on leash.

Work Environment:

- Rapid pace with 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, 2-3 hour shifts for 3-month minimum

Dress Code: Volunteer name badge, volunteer t-shirt, closed-toed and closed-heel shoes, long pants,

HPAC walking vest and weather appropriate clothing.

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