



Volunteer Position Description

DOG WALKER

Focus of the job:

The main focus of Dog Walker Volunteer is to provide potty breaks and walk dogs during the shelter Opening Shifts in the morning and Closing Shifts in the evening.

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.
- Safely walk dog and return to proper kennel. Walks are as long as possible, depending on the number of dogs in the shelter and the number of volunteers present for a shift.
- 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 dog vest and weather appropriate clothing

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