



Volunteer Job Description - Dog Walker

Focus of the Job: The primary responsibilities of the Dog Walkers are to take the shelter dogs from Wags 2, Wags 3, and Lifestyles to the park OR on a walk on the walking route for 10-15 minutes per dog.

Reports to: Wags 2 & 3 Kennel Staff, Lifestyles Animal Care Staff, Supervisors and Volunteer Coordinator.

Requirements:

- Orientation
- Shelter Training
- Level 2 Dog Handling Training (to walk blue-collar dogs)
- Level 3 Dog Handling Training (to walk yellow-collar dogs)

Tasks:

- Walking dogs along the walking route for 10-15 minutes
- Taking dogs to park for 10-15 minutes
- Reinforce rules and guidelines inside animal's quarters to maintain uniformity in training. For example: properly putting on a slip lead, properly entering/exiting a room, practicing commands: bed, stay, sit, etc.

Physical Requirements:

- Must not have any physical disabilities that prevent the volunteer from handling dog
- Must not be allergic to dogs
- Must be able to carry at least 15 pounds

Work Environment:

- Fast paced environment with potential for animal bites and scratches
- Must be able to respond quickly to unexpected situations such as code leash announcements, altercations, etc.

Shift Rules:

- Read all signs on doors before entering dog rooms and follow all instructions
 - Wristbands must be worn by volunteers at all times and must be visible to Humane Society staff
 - Only dogs in the same room can be in a park together – please be mindful of the collar color of the dogs in the park next to you
 - Update the dog-walking board each time you return a dog back to their room
 - Volunteers may take dogs for a second walk **ONLY** after ALL dogs have had a chance to go outside at least once
 - Volunteers may not bring treats or additional bedding into dog rooms
 - NO cell phone usage or smoking allowed while walking or interacting with the dogs
- Dress Code:** This job follows regular dress code of denim jeans covering ankles, sneakers, and volunteer shirt. It is recommended to wear a long-sleeved shirt under volunteer shirt to protect your arms whenever interacting with animals.