



Board of County Commissioners

Department of Community Services

Animal Services Division

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VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Dog Walker

OBJECTIVE: Assist in the healthy development of all dogs at the shelter through exercise and social interaction to facilitate a successful adoption.

LOCATION: Animal Services Dog Kennels

TIME COMMITMENT: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday and Monday 10-2

AGE REQUIREMENT: 18 years old

REPORTS TO: Volunteer Coordinator; dog kennel staff

DRESS CODE: Volunteer t-shirt, long pants (strongly recommended), name tag, closed toe shoes, hat and sunscreen on sunny days, pouch or pockets for treats, personal leash if desired

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Be thoroughly familiar with the Dog Walking Guidelines. (Separate manual)
- Safely remove dogs from their assigned kennel; place slip lead on the dog
- Walk dog in grassy area or in play yard (see play yard guidelines in above manual)
- If time, spend roughly 15 minutes with each dog so that they get socialization time as well as exercise.
- Be familiar with and accurately utilize "clothes pin" process
- Use behavior/medical cards to note any item that needs attention or to report good/bad behavior
- Safely return dog to appropriate kennel
- If you assist visitors with dogs, be familiar with those procedures

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Attend Volunteer Orientation session
- Attend dog walking training
- Be comfortable around and handling of dogs of all sizes and temperaments
- Training completed by shelter staff and/or a veteran volunteer on proper procedures to remove and return dogs to kennel
- Shadow shelter staff or veteran volunteer for several visits before working on your own
- Ability to follow specific instructions

- Read and be familiar with the Dog Walking Procedures handout