



Canine Wellness Assistant

POSITION TYPE: Voluntary

POSITION REPORTS TO: Community Programs Manager
OR Kennel Team Lead

POSITION SUMMARY: Canine Wellness Assistants provide much needed one-on-one attention and care for shelter dogs, including walks, obedience training, and enrichment program support.

- Exercising dogs with a color (purple, orange, green) designation matching the volunteer's color designation; in the appropriate areas located on the shelter property.
- Interact with dogs in proper and non-aggressive play, work on basic training skills.
- Clean up after dogs at all times when out of the kennels.
- Clean up and tidy dog kennels as needed.
- Assist staff with feeding dogs and dispensing toys (Kongs, chew toys, etc).
- Directing all public questions about specific dogs to the Kennel Team Lead.

POSITION SPECIFICATIONS:

Volunteer must have the ability to interact with the public, staff and other volunteers in a courteous and respectful manner, even in stressful situations. He/She must also have the ability to communicate well and follow directions with minimal supervision. He/She must be gentle and patient when working with dogs and the public.

TRAINING REQUIRED:

- Read and understand the volunteer manual and the Canine Addendum
- Attend Canine Wellness Training

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Possibility of being subjected to animal bites and scratches. Potential exposure to chemicals, prescribed drugs such as antibiotics, topical medications, etc, and cleaning products. Potential exposure to zoonotic (animal transmitted) diseases.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential function of this job. Requires moderate physical fitness, upper and lower body strength. Requires moderate mobility and stability walking over uneven terrain.

Regular lifting to 10 lbs, frequent lifting to 35 lbs, and occasional lifting over 35 lbs with reasonable accommodations. Frequent walking, standing, bending, and stooping.

TIME COMMITMENT:

A commitment of at least two hours per shift is preferred, with a total commitment minimum of 4 hours a month. Shifts are available daily Sun & Tues-Thurs 8am-4pm and Mon 8am-6pm.