



Animal Care Volunteer Level One - Canine

This position will assist animal care technicians with the daily activities to provide a safe/clean environment for socialization and housing of dogs/puppies in our care.

Duties will include but are not limited to:

- Cleaning/disinfecting dog kennels
- Gather and wash/disinfect dirty laundry
- Fold and distribute clean laundry
- Gather and wash/disinfect dirty dishes
- Assist with replenishing water
- Make, deliver and restock enrichment items
- Provide enrichment activities to keep dogs entertained while in kennels
- Assist as needed by staff and level 2 volunteers in the dog/puppy area

The ideal volunteer will possess the following attributes:

- Ability to take direction from staff and senior volunteers
- Ability to work with a diverse group of people
- Flexibility to assist as needed by senior volunteers and staff
- Willingness to learn

This position will not be in direct contact with animals and will require physical activity to include, but not limited to, standing, bending, reaching and lifting. **Volunteers must complete 8 hours in basic training, 8 - 16 hours in animal care level one and dog/puppy handling training to advance to level two.**



Animal Care Volunteer Level Two - Canine

This position will assist animal care technicians with the daily activities to provide a safe/clean environment for socialization and housing of dogs/puppies in our care.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Socialize puppies/dogs that have been approved by shelter staff
- Provide enrichment items to the animals in their specific areas
- Assist with general cleaning and disinfecting the various village areas when needed
- Assist staff with walking and exercising dogs/puppies and assisting with playtime events for animals that have been cleared by staff
- Assist staff with transporting dogs/puppies to/from grooming areas and vet appointments
- Assist staff with transporting dogs to/from play areas and splash pads
- Assist staff with loading dogs/puppies when the various rescues come to pick up
- Help with playtime events for dogs/puppies
- Keep detailed logs of animals that exhibit health issues (sneezing, coughing, vomiting, goopy eyes, runny nose, etc.) as well as temperament issues
- Provide in kennel socialization to dogs/puppies that are unable to go out for walks/exercise due to medical restrictions

The ideal volunteer will possess the following attributes:

- Ability to take direction from staff
- Ability to work with a diverse group of people
- Self-motivation
- Flexibility to assist where needed
- Willingness to teach and share information with level one volunteers
- Attention to detail

This position will require physical activity to include, but not limited to, standing, bending, reaching and lifting. **Volunteers must have 8 hours in basic training, and 8 - 16 hours in Canine Volunteer Level one, and dog/puppy handling training before moving into this position.**



Animal Care Volunteer Level Three - Canine

The volunteer in this position will work with animal care technicians to learn how to walk and socialize dogs/puppies that require advanced handling skills as well as provide socialization and enrichment to these dogs/puppies. This could include dogs that are very high energy and are harder to get in and out of the kennel and to control on a leash. These animals may need extra care, patience and advance skills due to fear, shyness, high arousal behavior, kennel stress, etc.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Advanced canine handling training
- Socialize puppies/dogs that are exhibiting some of the level 3 behaviors to teach them how to play, walk on a leash, enter and exit kennels, etc.
- Assist with general cleaning and disinfecting kennels
- Assist staff with walking and exercising dogs/puppies and assisting with playtime events to provide continuous training to these animals
- Assist staff with transporting dogs/puppies to/from grooming areas and vet appointments.
- Assist staff with transporting dogs to/from play areas and splash pads
- Assist staff with loading dogs/puppies when the various rescues come to pick up
- keep detailed logs of animals that exhibit health issues (sneezing, coughing, vomiting, goopy eyes, runny nose, etc.) as well as temperament issues
- may provide in kennel socialization to dogs/puppies that are unable to go out for walks/exercise due to medical restrictions
- Provide assistance with level 3 dogs as needed by staff

The ideal volunteer will possess the following attributes:

- Attention to detail, specifically animal body language and behaviors
- Be very patient and calm
- Ability to consistently provide repetitive direction and training to the animals
- Ability to take direction from staff
- Ability to work with a diverse group of people
- Ability to keep detailed logs of all medical and/or behavioral conditions/changes

This position will require physical activity to include, but not limited to, standing, bending, reaching and lifting. **Volunteers must have 8 hours in basic training, and 8 - 16 hours in Canine Volunteer Level one, and 8 – 16 hours in Canine Volunteer Level two and advanced canine handling training before moving into this position. This position will be appointed by the behavior team manager.**