



Dog Volunteer

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

Duties will include but are not limited to:

- Gathering and washing/disinfecting dirty laundry
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- Folding and distributing clean laundry
- Assisting with replenishing water
- Assisting as needed by staff
- Socializing dogs
- Providing enrichment items to the animals in their specific areas
- Walking and exercising dogs
- Alerting staff of animals that exhibit health issues (sneezing, coughing, vomiting, goopy eyes, runny nose, etc.) as well as temperament issues

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 share information with staff
- Attention to detail

This position will require physical activity including, but not limited to, standing, bending, reaching, and lifting.

Once you start volunteering you may progress through several stages of training:

- **Cleaning dishes and doing laundry.** 2 hours minimum before progressing.
- **Taking easy (level green and yellow) dogs out to the yard.** Can begin after volunteering 2 hours with dishes/laundry. Requires 4 hours of training with dogs.
- **Taking easy dogs out for walks.** Can begin after 8 hours of taking dogs to yards without supervision. Requires 4 hours of training on dog walking.
- **Taking more difficult (level red) dogs out.** Can begin after at least 80 hours of volunteering and approval from volunteer coordinator to begin training. Requires at least 4 hours of training with difficult dogs.