



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

DOG CLEAN TEAM

You are thorough, diligent with an eye for detail and have been known to express that there is nothing like being the first one to say, "good morning" to the animals. It is your ability to consistently perform at a high-level that drives your pride in giving dogs a clean and comfortable living space. Known for your independence and reliability, you carefully follow directions and collaborate well with others to complete work tasks on time. You support the mission to protect the health, safety and welfare of people and animals by helping to create an environment where dogs maintain good health and thrive while waiting for their forever homes.

Volunteer Shift(s) & Time Commitment

Volunteers are required to sign up for a minimum of twelve volunteer hours per month.

Duties Include

- Assisting Animal Care Attendants with cleaning and sanitizing dog kennels using proper cleaning solutions and techniques; to include operational equipment, shelter walkways and other work areas
- Assessing the condition of kennels and similar enclosures and report areas that may require general maintenance and repair
- Reviewing the house-trained dog list and taking designated dogs to relieve themselves; cleaning and properly disposing of waste
- Recovering soiled bedding from dog kennels; checking the condition of dog bedding for damage, frays, loose batting and cleanliness; transporting to designated area for laundering or repair
- Alerting staff and volunteers by using approved animal status signs when observing dogs that have damaged or eaten bedding; helping to determine if bedding will be safe to provide to the dogs in the future
- Laundering various shelter items (bedding, towels, blankets, comfort toys) using approved cleaning solutions and cleaning protocols; placing cleaned and dried items in designated storage areas
- Preparing and distributing Kongs for morning/evening play, stimulation and comfort
- Washing and disinfecting food, water bowls and Kongs; operating bowl washing machine while abiding by all safety practices and operational guidelines

Desired Qualifications

- Tolerance for highly-repetitious, physically demanding workload (bending, lifting, stooping, walking)
- Ability to adhere to shelter standards and cleaning protocols to minimize exposure to disease
- Familiarity and comfort with dogs of various size, strength and behavior traits; use this knowledge to enter and exit a kennel, with a dog occupying the kennel, safely and without incident.

Training

- Volunteer Orientation
- Disease 101/Personal Protective Equipment
- Animal Information Board (AIB) training
- Department dog behavior and enrichment videos
- Complete volunteer mentorship (4) sessions

