



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

DOG WALKER

You are attentive to a dog's needs. You value teaching good manners when a dog is being greeted and being leashed. You know how much enrichment a brisk walk can provide. You value teamwork, empathy and integrity. You support the mission to protect the health, safety and welfare of people and animals by interacting with a variety of dogs (size, breed) to build positive connections between humans and dogs.

Volunteer Shift(s) & Time Commitment

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

Duties Include

- Promoting the adoptability of dogs by conducting approved enrichment activities
- Engaging safe exercise and socialization activities and basic obedience training
- Conducting safe 15 minute walks to encourage brain stimulation, problem solving, prevent boredom and restlessness
- Documenting daily interactions to assist with capturing behavior and enrichment history to share with potential adopters
- Communicating changes in dog medical status and behavior to the volunteer liaisons
- Complying with departmental safety, security and operational policies and procedures



Desired Qualifications

- Genuine care for animal welfare consistent with DAS's philosophy
- Ability and willingness to follow directions and constructive criticism
- Willingness to learn about and utilize positive reinforcement methods when interacting with dogs
- Ability to react quickly to avoid any possible mishaps between animals and people
- Must be able to work independently
- Have good physical strength and the ability to handle animals of various size, strength and behavior traits

Training

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