



VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION BEHAVIOR

TITLE:

Dog Walker BH-DW

MAJOR OBJECTIVE:

To provide dogs that are categorized “green” or “black” with exercise and appropriate elimination opportunities by walking them outside of the kennel. To assist the behavior staff in reinforcing basic training behaviors, socialization skills and self-control exercises to center dogs. The Dog Walking Program’s objective is to help the center’s dogs be more manageable, more adoptable and more likely to stay in their new homes.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Following established procedures, work with shelter dogs by walking them and reinforcing basic behaviors, confidence and self-control.
2. Keep staff informed of any behavior issues noticed.
3. Log experiences while walking center dogs
4. Provide enrichment items for dogs after walks.
5. Read and follow all posted door signs, wearing all personal protective equipment (PPE).

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Comfort working with dogs
2. Minimum 16 years of age

TRAINING:

1. Attend MSRPA’s volunteer general informational session and complete dog socialization stations during the info session.

TIME AND PLACE:

Shifts available during regular hours of operation.

COMMITMENT:

Minimum of one hour per week for six months

SUPERVISION:

Direct supervision by the Center Behaviorist and/or Director of Operations. Indirect supervision by the Volunteer Services manager or coordinator.

BENEFITS:

1. Continuing Education
2. Recognition events
3. Volunteer newsletter
4. 10% discount at Critter Corner Pet Store
5. Personal fulfillment
6. Licks, wags and purrs!