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Dog Walking Buddy Volunteer

Description:

Our dogs need 2-4 daily walks! Help the dogs stretch their legs, work their noses and get their zoomies out as a Walking Buddies volunteer. Role is not limited to walks only: training, playing in the yards, providing toys and games and a variety of other fun games are always encouraged. No experience necessary.

Objective:

To carry out NOCO Humane's vision, mission, and strategic goals via animal enrichment and training, staff involvement, and delivering animal specific information to our public that will minimize an animal's stay at our shelter and ensure loving homes for animals in our care.

Supervision:

Directly reports to the Volunteer Coordinator. Indirectly reports to the Behavior Coordinator, Behavior Supervisor, and Shelter Manager. Must be able to self-start and work independently if behavior staff and Volunteer Coordinator are not available.

Requirements:

- Behavior and Enrichment Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age if volunteering alone
- Volunteers age 10-15 years may join our Partner-Up Program with a parent or trusted adult who is 18 years or older
- Volunteers over the age of 18 must complete a national criminal background check and sex offender search
- Ability to read animal body language and respond appropriately, as well as maintain a calm and quiet attitude at all times - no loud talking, no agitated or quick movements
- Read and understand signage in the kennel area and around the shelter
- Respond quickly and appropriately to verbal instruction and conduct duties without unnecessary disruptions to staff or clients
- Physically able to control the animals being worked with - walking dogs, carrying cats, etc.

Dog Walking Buddy Commitment:

Dog Walking Buddy Volunteers must be able commit to a minimum of 2 hours per week for a minimum of six months.

Working Conditions:

All volunteer work will be performed in the animal shelter setting. There is a potential for exposure to zoonotic diseases and cleaning chemicals, exposure to dangerous and fractious animals, exposure to high noise levels when in kennel area, and a potential for animal bites and scratches while handling animals

Physical Activities:

Potential to lift of up to 50 pounds unassisted; kneeling, squatting, bending, walking dogs on a leash, handling animals of all temperaments, animal restraint

Training:

- Attend orientation with Volunteer Coordinator
- Attend hands-on Animal Handling Training

Dress Code:

- Blue volunteer t-shirt
- Closed-toe shoes
- Long pants
- Please note that you will be working with and around animals, so be aware that clothing may get dirty.