



Calgary Humane Society

APPENDIX "B" – ROLE DESCRIPTION

VOLUNTEER POSITION TITLE: DOG WALKER

Impact

We receive dogs from various backgrounds due to the nature of being an open admissions animal shelter. This means that the majority of our population are dogs without manners, they lack physical boundaries and may have a history of fearful behavior that may have resulted in displayed aggression or a bite history. For safety purposes, all Dog Walkers must be 18 years or older. All dog walker volunteers are provided training for appropriate handling to align with our positive reinforcement philosophy.

Please note that the Dog Walker role is one of the most extensive trainings plans we offer for volunteers and our role is to ensure you are enjoying your role but also balance the need of our dog population. It is imperative that they receive the interaction and exercise they require from individuals that feel comfortable with handling dogs with a wide variety of complex behaviours.

Commitment

For most roles, you will be asked to commit to a minimum of six months of service with a weekly commitment of two to three hours

Responsibilities

- Walking shelter dogs on designated routes, ensuring that they are receiving necessary daily exercise
- Cleaning duties as required
- Adhere to CHS safety and hygiene guidelines
- Adhere to all animal kennel signage
- Provide positive interaction, affection, socialization and exercise to shelter dogs to help increase their adoptability and decrease their stress levels as they wait for the new forever homes



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Training

Training is mandatory and will be provided by CHS free of charge

- First Buddy Shift (REQUIRED)
- Second Buddy Shift (REQUIRED)
- Canine Body Language (REQUIRED)
- How Animals Learn (REQUIRED)
- Dog Walker training (REQUIRED)

Requirements

- Must be 18 years or older
- Must have a cellphone (for emergencies)
- *Physically capable and comfortable handling a variety of dogs (all sizes, breeds and energy level, such as highly aroused, excitable, strong pulling or history of aggression)*
- *Capable of lifting up to 50 lbs*
- Attend an interview
- **Dog Experience Required (Personal or Professional welcomed)**
- Provide a clear Criminal Record Check. (There is a \$30 fee associated with this.)
- Signed Agreement & Release form
- Adhere to CHS safety and hygiene guidelines while performing all duties.
- Help to increase animal adoptability and decrease stress levels while waiting for a home.
- Can be trusted to work independently and with minimal supervision and adhere to confidentiality policy.
- Ability to maintain a high level of professionalism and act as an ambassador for the Calgary Humane Society.
- Ability to take and follow directions.
- Ability to interact with the public in a friendly and professional manner.
- Have an appreciation and respect for animals and the values of CHS.
- Performing repetitive motions of reaching, squatting, kneeling, bending, pulling etc.

How to Apply

Please apply through the link below:

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY!](#)

Calgary Humane Society *sincerely* appreciates your interest in volunteering for our organization.
