

DOG WALKER (LEVEL 1)

Get moving outdoors this year and provide exercise for the dogs in our adoption center. As descendants of migratory pack animals, exercise and socialization is essential for a dog's well being. Add in the stress of shelter life and this need is greatly intensified. By becoming a volunteer dog walker you will be giving a dog exercise, some one-on-one attention, and a much needed break from his kennel. It's a very rewarding way to be active!

Prerequisites/necessary skills:

1. Must be a minimum of 16 years of age.
2. Complete the Volunteer Orientation and Dog Walking Training Session.
3. Complete 1 hour with a volunteer mentor.
4. Willing to work in all kinds of weather.
5. Comfortable with dogs of all sizes, breeds, and temperaments
6. Able to handle and control larger breed dogs and dogs with little or no leash training.
7. A genuine love of all dogs and a concern for the welfare of animals that is consistent with the philosophies of the RDSPCA
8. Due to limited resources, volunteers must be able to complete all job requirements without assistance from RDSPCA staff.

Duties:

- Sign in and out before and after each shift
- Record all hours in the Volunteer Binder
- Sign out each dog prior to each session
- Take dogs one at a time for an on-leash walk
- Use proper equipment (as specified by RDSPCA) and adhere to safety precautions at all times

Commitment: Minimum of 3 months of weekly sessions

Frequency of sessions: Weekly. (Same time and day each week)

Session length: Minimum of 2 hours.

Accessibility: 9AM-7PM Monday to Friday; 9AM to 5 PM Saturday, Sunday & Stat Holidays