



Humane Society
for Greater Nashua

Humane Society for Greater Nashua – 24 Ferry Rd, Nashua, NH 03064 – P: (603) 889-2275 – F: (603) 889-2240

Volunteer Position: Dog Walking Volunteer

Supervision: Manager of Canine & Feline Care and Director of Volunteer Resources. *(Once trained, must be able to work with minimal supervision, yet must recognize limitations in knowledge and abilities, and ask for help when needed)*

Description: Assist in maintaining the health and wellbeing of the shelter’s adoptable dogs by providing physical activity such as walks, play time, and enrichment to dogs within the level you have been trained to work with. In the morning, volunteers primarily assist with taking the dogs out on short 10-15 minute walks to ensure each pup gets a bathroom break. In the afternoon and evening, volunteers take the dogs out for bathroom breaks as well as longer walks, play time in the yard, enrichment, quiet time, and other activities. Dog Walkers also assist with kennel cleaning, laundry, and dishes as needed.

Responsibilities:

- Walking dogs within appropriate training level
- Monitoring behavior and notifying staff of any changes
- Ensuring enrichment and socialization of dogs through play and exercise
- Demonstrating safe and appropriate handling techniques
- Cleaning up feces on walks and in the kennel
- Maintaining a clean and safe environment for the dogs to live and interact with
- Reading, anticipating, and reacting to dog body language to ensure safety of all
- Working on specialized behavioral and training plans for dogs as needed

Requirements: Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age or older and able to practice safe animal interactions & handling. Must be able to work independently and with others, and be receptive to feedback from staff and senior volunteers. This position requires bending, reaching, lifting, and ability to handle strong dogs often 60 lbs. or more. Volunteers are exposed to various cleaning agents. This is a high-contact position dealing with animals with unpredictable behaviors and requires volunteers to be able to read and understand animal body language. Please see Essential Capabilities sheet for a more specific outline of these requirements.

Time Commitment: Volunteers must be willing and able to meet our minimum service requirement of one regularly scheduled shift of at least 2 hours per week, for 6 months. Volunteers must attend an orientation session to get started, and additional hands-on training with staff and senior volunteers as required. Shifts are available as follows:

| Days | Available Shifts | | | | |
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| Saturday, Sunday & Wednesday | 7-10am | 9-11am | 10am -12pm | 12-2pm | 2-4pm |
| Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday | 7-10am | 9-11am | 10am -12pm | 12-2pm | 3-5pm |

**Note: Volunteers must sign up for the same shift each week*

Benefits: Provide shelter pets with love and care before they go off to their forever homes. Learn about proper animal care, gain new skills, meet a network of like-minded individuals, practice self-care through volunteerism, and become part of a community.

To apply for this volunteer position, please fill out our [Volunteer Application](http://www.hsfn.org) on www.hsfn.org. If you have questions, reach out to the Director of Volunteer Resources at (603) 889-2275 x25.