

Adoption Center Volunteer - Dog Side

Function/Impact

Volunteers on the dog side of C.A.R.E.'s Adoption Center are integral to providing love, socialization, and quality care to our adoptable dogs, while serving our customers to ensure a top-notch in-store experience. Our volunteers are a major component of our operations, and ultimately have a major impact on our ability to put animals in homes.

Time Commitment and Location of Work

2 to 4 hours per week at the C.A.R.E. Animal Rescue Adoption Center in Springfield, MO

Core Responsibilities

- Socialization and enrichment with dogs, including sitting, cuddling, playing with, grooming, and brushing them in the dog side play room
- Walk dogs according to procedure covered in orientation
- Clean dog rooms and dog side lobby/hallway, including but not limited to sweeping/mopping, picking up waste, replacing dirty towels/bedding, picking up excess toys, and dusting
- Ensure each room has water and that all dogs have collars/tags
- Be a friendly face for our guests and provide excellent customer service
- Help Adoption Counselors with other tasks and projects as needed, such as folding newspaper and laundry

Qualifications/Requirements

- Orientation video, orientation video quiz, complete application, Mentor session, sign both waivers
- 18 years or older (volunteers 12-17 are welcome if they are accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian that has also completed all necessary steps to volunteer)
- Enjoy the company of dogs AND humans
- Bend, stoop, walk, kneel, and lift 25 pounds
- C.A.R.E. allows court-appointed community service, but there are strict restrictions. These individuals should review our Court-Appointed Community Service policy before attending orientation. If you are with an agency/client (ex. Arc of the Ozarks), please contact help@carerescue.org before attending orientation

Reports To

While at the adoption center, volunteers report to on-duty Adoption Counselors. Questions/concerns while not on-site can be directed to Daniel at help@carerescue.org.