



CANINE KENNEL COMPANION

Volunteer Role Description

Spending time in the kennel doesn't seem so boring if a friend is by your side. Canine kennel companions' complete duties similar to our animal care staff, but have the luxury of spending additional one-on-one time with our canines. Spending that extra time with the dogs will help them adjust to presence of people and give them some additional outdoor time.

Prerequisites/Necessary Skills:

1. Must be a minimum of 16 years of age.
2. Complete the Volunteer Orientation .
3. Comfortable with dogs of all sizes, breeds, and temperaments.
4. Able to handle and control larger breed dogs and dogs with little or no leash training.
5. Must be able to handle the clean up of pet waste (feces and urine).
6. A genuine love of small animals and a concern for the welfare of animals that is consistent with the philosophies of the RDSPCA.
7. Due to limited resources, volunteers must be able to complete all job requirements with minimal assistance from SPCA 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; place companion sign on kennel
- Maintain kennel / socialize each dog in your pod for 20mins at a time
- Place dog in outdoor play pen
- Pick up feces, mop out kennel, change wet blankets, throw out broken toys
- Play, brush & socialize with the dog inside/outside of their kennel
- Empty dirty mop bucket and place mop head in dirty laundry bin
- Assist public with kennel card information; refer public to staff for questions
- Strictly adhere to all animal handling and safety protocols as outlined by RDSPCA

Time commitment: Minimum of 3 months of weekly sessions

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

Session length: Minimum of 2 hours

Accessibility: 10am-4pm Monday through Sunday, excluding Stat Holidays

