



Volunteer Job Description

Title: Dog Walker

Major Objective: To assist Heart of the Valley by working directly with our adoptable canines to ensure the best quality of life and increase the chances of HOV's canines finding their forever homes.

Responsibilities:

- Socialize and exercise the adoptable dogs.
- Fill out an animal concern form for health or behavioral concerns.
- Positively represent the Heart of the Valley's beliefs and philosophies.
- Follow the dog walking protocol.
- Provide support to new dog walking volunteers.

Qualifications:

- Positive and Friendly attitude.
- Enjoy working with animals.
- Must be over the age of 16.

Training:

- Attend mandatory volunteer orientation.
- Attend the dog walking orientation.

Time and Place: Dog walking hours are 11:30am-5:00pm every day. HOV is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Dog walker volunteers are not allowed in any staff-only areas.

Commitment:

- Minimum of 4 hours per month.
- Six months minimum.

Supervisor: Direct supervision by an alpha dog team mentor or by Heart of the Valley's Canine Technicians. Indirect supervision by the Volunteer and Education Manager.

Benefits:

- Personal satisfaction and education.
- Improvement in animal handling and behavior.
- Licks and tail wagging 😊