VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Dog Kennel Assistant



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Enrich the lives of the dogs in our adoption center! Aide in maintaining a sanitary kennel environment to reduce disease and stress, and provide exercise and socialization for the dogs.

Is this the volunteer opportunity for you?

- You have strong desire to reduce stress in the shelter environment and help with shelter operations.
- You possess a professional and safe approach to animal handling.
- You're willing to get dirty and scoop poop!
- You exercise flexibility and exercise good decision making in fast-paced situations.
- You enjoy interacting with people and animals.

Dog Kennel Assistant Shift Times Are:

Monday - Friday	8am-10am	10am-12pm	3pm-5pm	5pm-7pm
Saturday & Sunday	8am-10am	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm	4pm-6pm

What can you expect as a Dog Kennel Assistant volunteer? Duties include:

- Assist with various shelter responsibilities, including kennel cleaning, dishes, laundry, opening & closing responsibilities.
- Provide specialized dog enrichment opportunities, including exercising, quiet time, playtime, and distribution of enrichment items.
- Remove dogs from kennels for outdoor enrichment, socialization, and exercise.
- Acting as an ambassador for HSBV philosophies.
- Upholding excellent client service standards.
- Other duties as assigned.

Your benefits:

- Acquire a well-rounded shelter perspective.
- Partake in a role that supports shelter operations and has a component of fun (animal socialization), too!
- Volunteers receive 10% off in the Sonnyside Retail Store.

Your value to the Humane Society of Boulder Valley:

- You reduce the stress of shelter animals in our care.
- You acquire a number of skills that increase your adaptability to help with what our greatest needs are during a given shift.

How do I get started?

Training and Skill Development

- 1. Submit Volunteer Fee and Complete Volunteer Profile.
- 2. Complete Dog Handling Training.
- 3. Complete a Shelter Hands-On Training session.

Commitment: Regular shift of two hours weekly for six months (Example: Tuesdays from 8am – 10am) **Supervision:** Supervision by the Volunteer Services Department.

Scheduling: Please notify the Humane Society of your absence with as much advanced notice as possible by visiting your volunteer page at <u>www.myvolunteerpage.com</u> and removing yourself from the shift under the "Schedule" tab. This will alert the Volunteer Services Department of your absence and make your shift available for a substitute to cover.

It is the mission of the Humane Society of Boulder Valley to protect and enhance the lives of companion animals by promoting healthy relationships between pets and people.