

Volunteer Role Profile



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Dog Walker

Volunteer Manager

Centre Manager

Where you will be based

Community

Why we want you

We are the RSPCA and it's our vision to live in a world where all animals are respected and treated with compassion. Our volunteers are incredible, they play an essential role in helping us carry out our important animal welfare work every day.

Many of the dogs in our care have never experienced life in a loving, family home. Whilst waiting for someone to give them a forever home, animals get all the care they need in one of our animal centres, and our volunteer dog walkers assist with walking and socialising the dogs, working with other volunteers and staff to ensure that the dogs receive the appropriate exercise and care.

What you will be doing

- Walking allocated dogs as directed by the volunteer coordinator or member of staff
- Ensuring that dogs are kept on a lead at all times
- Following the dog walking guidelines provided by the centre
- Following all health and safety rules and guidelines, and ensuring that any accidents or incidents are reported immediately, using the procedure in place at the centre
- Assisting with the assessment of dogs when directed by staff and where appropriate
- Attending appropriate training courses as required by the centre

The skills you need

- Volunteers must be aged 16 or over - some centres may require you to be aged 18 years or over.
- A good knowledge of dogs and ability to read their behaviour
- Must feel comfortable around dogs and have a patient and understanding nature
- Able and confident to walk dogs of all ages and sizes
- Must have the ability to follow instructions as some of our dogs can be

strong and need training so good physical health is necessary

What's in it for you

- Meet new people and make new friends
- Learn great new skills to add to your CV
- A great induction and training relevant to your role
- Volunteer in a fun environment at the heart of the local community
- You'll be making a huge difference to the welfare of animals
- We are happy to reimburse any reasonable travel expenses you may incur whilst volunteering with us

Disclaimer

Our voluntary roles are subject to an informal interview and trial period. We will ask you to provide contact details for two referees. Before you can start volunteering you'll need to complete our simple online Health & Safety assessment. At the RSPCA we don't want you to be out of pocket by volunteering, so we are happy to reimburse any agreed out of pocket expenses you incur whilst volunteering.

All volunteer dog walkers must ensure that they use the appropriate equipment that has been provided by the centre and that this equipment is returned to the centre as directed at the end of the volunteering session. If a volunteer has any concerns or questions regarding a particular dog or their role as a dog walker, they should speak to a member of staff or the volunteer coordinator, if applicable, immediately.