



Salem Campus Volunteer Role Description

Name of Requesting Department, Group, Individual:
Animal Care Department

Name of the Volunteer Position:
Kennel Buddies Volunteer

Main Objectives of Volunteer Position:

- Kennel Buddies provide social, sensory, mental, and physical enrichment to the dogs at OH Salem to enhance their overall wellbeing. Socialization is vital to the dogs' happiness and health.

Position Duties:

- Provide in-kennel enrichment, socialization, and training to the dogs.
- Model and communicate appropriate, rewards-based, fear-free handling skills following shelter standards and protocols.
- Coordinate the physical manipulation of the kennel door, control the animal's movements, and be aware of your and the animal's safety.
- Pick up after the animals, including scooping poop, cleaning up vomit, disposing of dirty toys and bedding.

Required Skills:

- Ability to work directly with animal wastes, potentially harmful cleaners, disinfectants, high noise, and potentially hazardous conditions, including the risk of animal bites and zoonotic diseases.

Working Conditions/Physical Requirements:

- Ability to alternate standing/sitting for extended periods of time.
- Requires bending, stooping, and lifting.
- Ability to multitask.
- Commitment to the dogs and your shift.
- Red Card (Heart Pin) Handlers must be 18 years of age or older.

Commitment (Dates/Times):

- Shifts available everyday from 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm.