



Canine Wellness Assistant

(Must be at least 16 years old to volunteer)

POSITION TYPE: Voluntary

POSITION REPORTS TO: Volunteer Coordinator/Manager

POSITION SUMMARY: Canine Wellness Assistants provide much needed one-on-one attention and care for shelter dogs, including walks, obedience training, and enrichment program support.

- Exercising dogs with a color (purple, orange, green) designation matching the volunteer's color designation; in the appropriate areas located on the shelter property.
- Interact with dogs in proper and non-aggressive play, work on basic training skills.
- Clean up after dogs at all times when out of the kennels.
- Clean up and tidy dog kennels as needed.
- Assist staff with feeding dogs and dispensing toys (Kongs, chew toys, etc).
- Directing all public questions about specific dogs to the Kennel Team Lead.

POSITION SPECIFICATIONS:

Volunteer must have the ability to interact with the public, staff and other volunteers in a courteous and respectful manner, even in stressful situations. He/She must also have the ability to communicate well and follow directions with minimal supervision. He/She must be gentle and patient when working with dogs and the public.

TRAINING REQUIRED:

- Read and understand the volunteer manual and the Canine Addendum
- Attend Canine Wellness Training

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Possibility of being subjected to animal bites and scratches. Potential exposure to chemicals, prescribed drugs such as antibiotics, topical medications, etc, and cleaning products. Potential exposure to zoonotic (animal transmitted) diseases.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential function of this job. Requires moderate physical fitness, upper and lower body strength. Requires moderate mobility and stability walking over uneven terrain.

Regular lifting to 10 lbs, frequent lifting to 35 lbs, and occasional lifting over 35 lbs with reasonable accommodations. Frequent walking, standing, bending, and stooping.

GCAC Canine Wellness Assistant

(Must be at least 18 years old to volunteer)

GCAC Canine Wellness Volunteer Job Description:

Gloucester County Animal Control Canine Wellness Assistants provide much needed one-on-one attention and care for the shelter dogs; including walking, playard time, obedience training and enrichment program support.

Volunteers help with exercising and interacting with the dogs in a proper, non-aggressive play, while working on basic training skills.

They assist in cleaning up the dogs at all times when they are out of their kennels and tidying up the dog's kennels as needed, feeding the dogs dinner and dispensing peanut butter Kongs, treats and toys.

TIME COMMITMENT:

A commitment of at least two hours per shift is preferred.

GMHS Shifts are available daily Mon. – Sun. 8:30am-5:30pm.

GCAC Shifts are available daily Mon. – Sun. 3:00pm-4:30pm.