Drumheller & District Humane Society

Role Description: Animal Care Attendant - Dogs

Our Mission: To provide care for animals in need while advancing animal welfare through education, advocacy, and community support.

Our Vision: A humane and compassionate community where all animals are respected, valued, and given the care they deserve.

Volunteer Contributions: DDHS could not operate without the help of our volunteers. With only 2 part-time paid staff members we rely on the assistance of volunteers to care for the animals that need our help. Volunteers enhance the quality of life of our animals in care

Responsibilities:

- Safely walk your assigned dog for a minimum of 30 minutes (once a week minimum)
- Provide correct amounts of food and drinking water to each animal
- Provide clean and sanitary conditions for all animals by cleaning kennels, dog runs (feces), food bowls, water dishes, blankets, floors, and tidying of areas
- Administer medications, following all safety guidelines (training will be provided)
- Adhere to DDHS safety and hygiene guidelines
- Adhere to DDHS canine training protocols
- Complete all necessary training both before and during volunteer service
- Completing daily checklists and observe animals for any health problems
- Report all pertinent information to staff such as behavioural or medical concerns
- Provide content for social media: pictures, videos, stories
- Provide affection and socialization which directly increases adoptability and decreases stress while in our care
- Additional tasks as requested

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years old, or if under 18 be accompanied by an adult guardian
- Be physically fit and able to walk at least 30 minutes, stand the entirety of your shift, crouch/bend
- Be reliable and attend the shifts you have committed to. No-shows are not tolerated and grounds to discontinue volunteer services
- Be comfortable interacting with dogs
- Have good communication skills, be friendly and personable
- Have good attention to detail
- Be comfortable with strong odors and loud noises
- Have the ability to navigate the strong emotions associated with the role such as animals in various states of health (mental, emotional, and physical) and the loss of relationships with pets who are adopted
- Be able to observe and document observations

- Have the ability to both work in a team setting and independently with no supervision
- Be willing to give and take feedback
- Previous experience with dogs is an asset but is not required

Time Commitment: once a week minimum. shifts are 1.5 hours. Three shifts are available:
morning: between 6AM-9AM
afternoon: between 12PM-4PM
evening: between 7PM-10PM
*Flexibility for shift times may be available
*A minimum commitment of 6 months is required

Location: 31 Hy-Grade Crescent, Drumheller, Alberta T0J 0Y0

Benefits:
- Learn how to care for animals
- Make a direct impact in your community and to the animals who need forever homes
- References are provided when the minimum commitment is made
- Opportunity for advancement and further training
- Opportunity to stay fit and active
- Opportunity to meet like minded people