# Drumheller & District Humane Society
# **Role Description: Dog Walker**

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

**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

**Role:** Dog walker volunteers assist staff to keep dogs in care fit, stimulated, trained and loved.

**Responsibilities:**

- Safely walk your assigned dog for a minimum of 30 minutes (once a week minimum)
- 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
- Adhere to DDHS safety and hygiene guidelines
- Adhere to DDHS canine training protocols
- 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 seeing suffering and the loss of relationships with pets who are adopted
- Be able to observe and document animals presentation
- 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 minimum 40 minutes - 1 hour.
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