

Walking on Cherry Hill Road

If you are a dog-walker with at least 20 hours of walking, you are invited to take your dog off the shelter grounds for its walk. Walking your dog off-site is pleasant for both you and your dog. It provides a respite from the congestion and noise of the shelter grounds and allows your dog to experience new sights and smells.

Any dog that is up for adoption, has no physical limitations (make sure and check the note cards on the left side of the kennel) and that you feel comfortable walking, is able to go off-site for its walk. You should not take any dog that has behavior issues that you are not prepared to deal with away from the shelter. If a dog is a “car chaser” (you’ll know pretty quickly), you should head back to the shelter with the dog.

Most of our dogs thoroughly enjoy an off-site walk. When you leave, write “C.H” on the dog-log after your name so staff will know you are leaving the grounds. When you return, you should note in the Green Observation Book how your dog did on its Cherry Hill walk so other walkers have the information.

You may walk off-site during our normal walking hours, however, if you are walking after 11 a.m. you should only take our “longer term” residents (dogs that have been with us for at least one month) and the dog must be back in its kennel within 30 minutes after being checked out. We don’t want a dog to be off-site if a potential adopter appears.

If you take advantage of this expanded walking opportunity, you must remember that safety is of utmost importance. With the speed limit being 55mph, stay to the side on Cherry Hill and never be complacent about the lack of traffic. We have orange reflective vests located at the Dog Walker station for you to wear to increase your visibility. Do not use your cell phone or any electronic device while walking. Always have good control of your dog and be prepared for the unexpected—a dog that doesn’t chase cars may, however, try and take off after a jogger. If you are not comfortable walking a dog off-site, don’t.

Where can you walk? If you turn right out of the shelter you will walk down Cherry Hill and see a split in the road—Cherry Hill continues to the left and Gale Road starts to your right (you must not walk in the subdivision directly across from the shelter). Due to the design of Gale Road we ask that volunteers not walk here. You should always stay over on the shoulder of the road. As you continue down Cherry Hill you will be “in the country” on a dirt road.

We are hoping that more of our dog-walkers will take advantage of this opportunity. The dogs will thank you!