



Dog Walking at HSHV- Staying Active as a Dog Walking Volunteer

Dog walking is an important part of the daily routine for our dogs at HSHV. As a volunteer dog walker, you provide the much needed mental and physical exercise for our canine friends that our busy staff may not have the time to provide on a daily basis. *Your role as a dog walker is invaluable.* The time you spend with our dogs helps provide socialization, mental stimulation, training and enrichment through human contact while they wait for their forever home.

To make this happen, we need committed dog walkers who volunteer on a consistent basis. Here is how you can be a successful dog walker.

Be an Active Dog Walker – Keep our dog walking program successful!

- Schedule your first dog walking assignment within 10 days of your training
- Be sure to schedule yourself every time you plan to volunteer
- Commit to dog walking at least 4 hours per month
- Shifts are available starting at 7:30am every day up until closing: **M-W, 6pm / Th-F, 7pm/ Sa-Su, 5pm**
- Consider the below walk times when scheduling yourself. At minimum, we would like to have at least 4 walkers on the schedule during each walk time.
 - **1st Walk** : between the hours of 8-10am
 - **2nd Walk**: between the hours of 10-2pm (10-1pm on the weekends)
 - **3rd Walk**: between the hours of 2-4pm (1-3pm on the weekends)
 - **4th Walk**: 4-close (3-close on the weekend)

Inactive Dog Walking- Please Know

- **If you do not schedule and come to the shelter to walk dogs for at least 4 hours monthly you will be considered an in-active dog walker after 60 days.**
- If you show up on the inactive dog walker report, you will receive an email that discusses the next steps for remaining active as a dog walker.
- If you do become inactive, you will not be able to walk dogs until you have re-attended a Level 1 Dog Walking training class (when room is available) or any other trainings taken (Blue Sticker, etc) to be considered an active dog walker.
- If you know you will be taking time off from dog walking, please contact the volunteer manager to discuss your options.

Thank you for all that you do to support the homeless animals in our community!

Welcome to dog walking at HSHV!