



Cape Ann Animal Aid

Christopher Cutler Rich
A N I M A L S H E L T E R

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION DOG TRAINING ASSISTANT

D1

D2

D3

REPORTS TO: Behavior Associate

POSITION FUNCTION: Responsible for assisting the Behavior Associate with daily tasks including dog-to-dog introductions, assisting with training exercises for targeted animals, providing the animals enrichment and decompression, and participating in behavior modification plans.

TIME COMMITMENT: Must commit to at least one, 2 hour shift weekly for a minimum of 6 months. Mondays or Thursdays between 10:00am and 6:00pm. Wednesdays or Fridays 8:30am to 2:00pm. The schedule will be agreed upon in advance.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS / PREVIOUS REQUIRED EXPERIENCE:

The volunteer must be comfortable with the following;

- Abiding by Least Intrusive, Minimally Aversive (LIMA) handling methods.
- Ability to follow specific instructions from staff in a fast-paced environment.
- Have an understanding of basic leash etiquette while working with the dogs in and out of the shelter environment.
- Willingness to learn and comply with all current handling protocols.
- Previous experience in animal handling (shelter, groomer, dog walker, training setting, veterinary setting) is required.
- Current enrollment, or a goal of enrollment with a professional certifying agency such as CPDT, KPA, PPG, IAABC, etc.) is strongly preferred.
- A strong work ethic, open mind, and dedication to understanding more about animal behavior.

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:

Work alongside the Behavior Associate assisting with the following;

- Enrichment preparation for dogs and cats, including distributing enrichment and monitoring animals with enrichment when necessary.
- Assist with office work, including note taking and putting training resources together for shelter use.
- Assist training sessions, including being able to take instruction from staff while physically handling the dogs and having good natural instinct while working with them.