



## Volunteer Job Description

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### Play Group Retriever Volunteer

#### **Position Description:**

Play Group volunteers work directly with the wellness team to help enrich the lives of our shelter pets. Volunteers in this position will bring dogs to and from the play group yards at the direction of the Play Group Lead following DPFL standards.

#### **Meeting the PRC Mission:**

Volunteers in this role help provide some of the best care possible for our shelter dogs by contributing to PRC shelter dogs' emotional, physical, and behavioral well-being. This program also contributes to the "Every Dog, Every Day" goal and the Freedom to Express Normal Behavior under the Five Freedoms.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Follow all Dogs Playing for Life and PRC Play Group Guidelines.
- Leash assigned dog at kennel and walk to play yard.
- Appropriately collar and/or place clip lead on dogs as instructed.
- Be prepared to enter the play yard and remove dogs from the yard if directed by Play Group Lead.
- Prepare the yard by filling pools, clearing the yard of debris and toys, and hanging collars, leashes, and muzzles.
- Break down the play yards after group play by emptying pools, putting away collars, leashes, and muzzles.
- Return dogs back to their kennels after play group.
- Check off Wellness Report for dogs who participated in play group.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Be comfortable around dogs of medium to large size.
- Ability to understand, remember, and follow exact instructions and procedures.
- Ability to work independently as required by the volunteer assignment.
- Volunteers must complete the Canine Handling 101, Canine History & Morphology, Enrichment 101, and Basic Medical Knowledge training and pass the final quizzes with an 80% or better.
- Volunteers must complete the Fear Free Shelter online training course within 3 months of volunteering for this role.
- Shadow Play Group Retriever until training is complete. Completion is variable and staff will make the final call for advancement.

***Physical Qualifications:***

- Work around dogs in varying temperatures.
- Work around loud noises and strong smells.
- Work outside in all weather conditions including: heat, cold, and light rain.
- Able to stand and walk for an extended period of time.
- Able to physically handle dogs of medium to large size who may pull on leash.
- Able to lift 40-50 lbs.

**Expected Hours of Service:**

Play Groups are currently run Monday-Saturday from 9am – 12pm. Volunteers in this role are required to commit to one shift per week from 8:45am – 12pm.

**Reports to:**

Volunteer Manager, Wellness Team, Play Group Lead and Assistant

**Benefits:**

- Providing an enriching experience for our shelter dogs
- Seeing dogs interact in normal behaviors away from their kennel
- Having one-on-one interactions with the dogs
- Help Wellness Team accomplish the goals for Play Groups