



Volunteer Job Description

ROMP Volunteer

Position Description:

ROMP (Receiving Outside Meaningful Playtime) volunteers work directly with the wellness team to help enrich the lives of our shelter pets. Volunteers in this position will bring dogs out of the kennel for structured, one-on-one enrichment in the play yards.

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, the Freedom to Express Normal Behavior under the Five Freedoms, and taking notes to help promote the dog on the ADOPT website.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Follow all DPFL and PRC Play Group Guidelines.
- Use Wellness Report to select dogs to leash and bring to play yard.
- Use the ROMP bag of toys and treats to engage the dog in activity that they enjoy or follow a structured plan given by Wellness Team.
- Recognize overstimulated or non-social behavior and know how to respond appropriately.
- Communicate toy and interaction preferences for each dog as needed on Wellness Report.
- Return dog to kennel and check off Wellness report.
- Take out the next dog on the list and continue process until end of volunteer shift.
- At the end of shift, place used toys and leashes in the dirty laundry bin.

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 & Behavior 101, Canine History & Morphology 101, 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.
- Shadow ROMP Staff/Volunteer 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:

ROMP shifts are currently run 7 days a week from 1:45pm – 5pm. Volunteers in this role are required to commit to one shift per week from 1:45am – 5pm.

Reports to:

Volunteer Manager, Wellness Team, Shelter Team

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 “Every Dog, Every Day.”