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Northern Neck Partners for Pets Volunteer Guidelines and Protocol

Please read carefully as the safety of both people and dogs is of utmost importance.

Many of these dogs are stressed because of abuse, conditions in the homes they lived in, and the new experience of living in a shelter. They do not necessarily trust humans the way a dog in a good home might. Safety guidelines for walkers exist for the benefit of walkers and dogs. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

1. Volunteers must complete training sessions with an experienced volunteer or staff member.
2. Dogs should be walked only if staff are aware of your activity. Walk only during designated walking hours. Dogs should not be taken off the premises without permission of management.
3. If you feel uncomfortable with any dog due to size, breed, or any other reason, do not walk that dog.
4. Do not try to train a dog the first time you walk him/her.
5. Dogs must go out in the park only with other dogs approved by the manager or staff or alone. Someone must be in the park with the dogs at all times.
6. Report any health or behavior problem with a dog to the shelter manager or staff.
7. Pick up waste of each dog you walk in poop bags supplied by the shelter.
8. Do not talk or text on the phone while attending to a dog.
9. Volunteers will be scheduled to specific days to help according to their availability. If the volunteer is unable to come in as scheduled, please notify management by 8 a.m. of the scheduled day.
10. Walk only dogs approved by management.

CAT SOCIALIZATION

Volunteers who work with cats will concentrate on socializing them. Please only play with or handle cats that are approved for volunteer contact by management.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY VOLUNTEER

I have read, understood, and agree to the volunteer guidelines above and agree to provide my services to the best of my ability and adherence to the guidelines.

I recognize that working with animals involves some risk, and I agree to assume that risk and release Northern Neck Partners for Pets from all claims and causes of action relating to injury or damage that I might sustain in connection with my volunteer work.

I affirm that I have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect, or abandonment in this or any jurisdiction.

Signature

Date

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