

Volunteer dog walker

Aims

To assist the centre with dog walking and the socialising of dogs, working with other volunteers and staff to ensure that the dogs receive the appropriate exercise and care.

Tasks and responsibilities

- To walk allocated dogs as directed by the volunteer co-ordinator or MKC member of staff. To ensure have obtained the full history of the dog from centre staff before walking the dog.
- To ensure that the dog is kept on a lead at all times.
- To follow the dog walking guidelines provided by the centre.
- To follow all health and safety rules and guidelines, ensuring that any accidents or incidents are reported immediately, using the procedure set down by the Centre.
- To assist with an assessment of a dog when directed by staff and where appropriate.
- To attend appropriate training courses as directed by the centre.

Additional notes

All volunteer dog walkers must ensure that they use the appropriate equipment that has been provided by the centre and that this equipment is returned to the centre as directed at the end of the volunteering session. If a volunteer has any concerns or questions regarding a particular dog or their role as a dog walker, they should speak to a member of staff or the volunteer co-ordinator, if applicable, immediately.