



Adoption Event Volunteer Guidelines

Our current fosters will provide write-ups noting the personality quirks of each animal. Some quirks are more serious than others, for instance, if a dog does not get along with cats, please take care not to walk the dog near the cats that are for adoption and deter potential adopters that have a cat in the family.

Adoption events can be overwhelming to our Pup Squad pups since they are used to being in a family setting at their foster home. Incessant barking can be a sign that they need a break from the area and a nice walk around the block. A shaking puppy is a sign of a scared puppy. If you see this behavior we encourage volunteers to try picking puppies up and talking gently to them to help ease their fears.

Treats and water, please! Even if our pups likely had plenty to eat and drink at their foster home before arriving to an adoption event, who doesn't love a treat? And water is a must. We can never be 100% certain of health. Due to this, we ask that you never place a dog in a kennel or pen another dog has been in unless the kennel you are moving them to has been properly cleaned and new bedding has been put in it. Also, please remember to disinfect your hands as you pet different dogs throughout the day, and ask that potential adopters handling our pups do as well.

Most of our adult dogs are house-trained and do not want to mess up their kennels. Please help them out by taking them for solo walks several times during the event. Be sure that pups are always leashed before the kennel is opened enough for the dog to escape and that you have doggy bags on hand.

No walks for puppies. Because they haven't fully developed their immune systems we ask that pups under 4 months old are not taken out for walks. Instead, they'll have a piddle pad in each puppy pen which will need to be replaced throughout the day.