

Department of Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services
Volunteer San José
JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Dog Socializer Pal (Level I – III)

Supervisor: Animal Behaviorist

Length of Commitment Desired: Minimum 6 months– * 10 volunteer hours per month

Dates volunteer is needed: From December 2003 to Ongoing

Location of volunteer work (address): 2750 Monterey Rd.

Duties:

- Exercise, Socialize and Train Adoption Dogs
- Document Activities, Behavior and Training Progress

What is fun and meaningful about this job? This position helps our adoptable dogs deal with the stress of living in a cage. They are very grateful to have individual attention and have a chance to walk around, play and have a break from their environment. It is also an opportunity to learn basic obedience (manners) which gives them a much better chance of being adopted!

Desired Qualifications:

The volunteer must:

- Have a positive attitude
- Be able to read a dogs body language
- Be able to document interaction
- Have the ability to work independently
- Be willing to adhere to policies and procedures as instructed
- Be dependable

Minimum Age Requirement: 18

Training: (* all training in-house at Animal Care Center)

- ACS Orientation
- Safe Animal Handling Class

Number of Volunteers Needed: TBD

Comments/Other: This position has 3 dog-handling expertise levels. Volunteers start out at Level I and may only be moved to higher level after passing a competency exam/demonstration by authorization of the Volunteer Supervisor or Animal Behaviorist.