

# Dogs Day Out

## What is Dogs Day Out?

Dogs Day Out is a program that is designated to help the long-time resident dogs that are high energy. The program allows a volunteer to come and pick up a dog that meets the requirements for the program, and take them off the property. The volunteer is allowed to pick the dog up at 10 am; then the dog has to be back at the Shelter by the times listed below under “Dogs Day Out.” The volunteer is expected to use best judgement regarding walking the dog when temperatures are higher than normal, i.e., do not keep the dog out in extreme heat, walk in the shade, offer water at regular intervals.

The volunteer is allowed to take the dog anywhere but a dog park. The dog should be wearing an “Adopt Me” vest or bandana when out in public. The Volunteer Coordinator will have those available.





## Opportunities with Dogs Day Out

Dogs Day Out is more than just an exercise opportunity for the dog. Dogs Day Out also allows the dog to find a forever home. As the volunteer is out with the dog, they are welcome to talk to people about the dog and find someone who would like to adopt the dog. This is also your opportunity to be an ambassador for Guilford County Animal Shelter!




## Hours for Dogs Day Out (shorten time the dog is out when temperatures are high)

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|   | Sunday:    | 10 am – 4:30 pm |
|  | Monday:    | 10 am – 4:30 pm |
|  | Tuesday:   | 10 am – 4:30 pm |
|  | Wednesday: | 10 am – 4:30 pm |
|  | Thursday:  | 10 am – 4:30 pm |
|  | Friday:    | 10 am – 4:30 pm |
|  | Saturday:  | 10 am – 4:30 pm |

## Qualifications for the Volunteer

-  Twenty (20) recorded hours of volunteer service at the Shelter
-  Signed contract for Dogs Day Out
-  Valid photo ID
-  Must live in Guilford County

## Qualifications for the dog

-  Spayed/neutered
-  Over the age of seven (7) months old
-  The dog must not have any special circumstances or restrictions, or had surgery in the last 48 hours.

## **How to get started and pick up a dog for Dogs Day Out (six easy steps)**



Complete the Volunteer application/Code of Ethics; attend a Volunteer Orientation



Complete the 20 hours of volunteer service at the Shelter



Sign the Dogs Day Out contract



Talk to the Volunteer Coordinator about choosing a dog



EMAIL at least 24 hours in advance to let the Volunteer Coordinator know that you would like to pick up a dog the next day



When you arrive at the Shelter to pick up your dog, call the front desk to be buzzed in the gate, 336.641.3400.

## **The dog is not allowed to:**



Be taken in a dog park



Be let off the leash to run freely out in any public park



Become overheated!



If the dog picked is HW+, it **MUST BE KEPT TO A WALK AT ALL TIMES!**

I have read and understand the policy and procedure of the Dogs Day Out program.

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Signature of Volunteer

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Date

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Print Name