

# Dog Care & Kennel Volunteer

Would you like to help us provide mental and physical stimulation to the dogs in our care as well a great kennel environment?

Our Dog Care and Kennel Volunteers play an invaluable role for the dogs in our care, giving them both mental and physical stimulation on a daily basis. This in turn helps improve their behaviour and their overall welfare.

Duties involve (but are not limited to):

- Dog husbandry – assisting with the daily cleaning of the kennels (fresh water, beds, poo picking, scrubbing floor and walls), helping with the laundry, and helping to keep the areas around the kennel clean and free of hazards. Cleaning and organising dog runs.
- Enrichment – under direction from staff create enrichment for the kennels (chew toys, blankets, cardboard boxes with treats hidden in etc.).
- Exercising dogs – walking, playing in runs, spending time with dogs in the family room, training (under direction from staff).
- Reporting any issues to staff.
- Follow all health and safety guidelines, including necessary bio-security procedures (isolation).
- Ability to volunteer on your own.

Ideally you will have the following experience and skills:

- Experience of owning or working with dogs - often the dogs we get in are strong and not lead trained so we need people who will be able to handle a variety of dogs.
- Knowledge of dog care and behaviour
- Love of dogs!
- Ability to work on your own and follow instructions.

**Commitment:** We are currently looking for volunteers on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays** between 9am to 12noon and 1pm to 4pm. We do ask for a commitment of at least 2-3 hours a week.

Own transport is beneficial due to our location.

Training and support will be provided for this role as appropriate.

For further information and how to apply visit [www.oaktreeanimals.org.uk](http://www.oaktreeanimals.org.uk)

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