



Dog Walking and Dog Adoption Event Information

Welcome to our EASEL dog adoption effort! Below are some guidelines for new volunteers.

Volunteering

After you sign up to volunteer, you will receive an email every week about upcoming opportunities and training. Reply to the email to let us know if you can make it. Experienced volunteers should specify the dog they would like to work.

NOTE: New volunteers are asked to do 3 pack walks before you can be assessed as a primary handler for a dog. New volunteers will be listed as "EXTRA" on the schedule.

Pack Walks

Our pack walk is from 9:30 to 10:30 am on Saturday mornings at the Ewing Animal Shelter. Please wait either inside at the front entrance, or outside of the back door, depending on the weather. Volunteers assigned to specific dogs are asked to come at 9 am to get their dogs. More experienced walkers maybe asked to help to get the dogs harnessed and ready for the walk.

As a new volunteer during your first 3 sessions, you will do a variety of tasks in and around the walk like setting up equipment, filling water bowls, etc. Most importantly, you should try to get to know the dogs as well as you can. We expect that you will know enough of the dogs to request a specific dog after your 3 sessions are complete.



Adoption Events

The main objective of the pack walk is to get the dogs socialized so they will show well to potential adopters. Our goal is that you will take dogs to adoption events after you are comfortable handling them. Ideally, we would like to have volunteers take a dog to at least 1 adoption event every 3 months. Of course, we would love for you to do more. The events give the dogs a chance to meet potential adopters and get valuable public interactions.

For the dogs, adoption events not only gets them exposure, but get them out of their runs. It is a great mental break for the dogs whether you meet a family or not. Dogs that are isolated for too long tend to get manic and develop bad habits. The more interaction, the better. It is also a wonderful way for us to get feedback from you on the dog and their behavior in a car, in a crowd, and around other dogs.

Walking During the Week

After your 3 pack walks, you would also be able to come to the shelter during the week to walk dogs from 10-2 pm. We have staff available to help you get dogs out and harnessed. Since you have completed your 3 sessions, we expect you to have a few dogs that you are comfortable walking.

Shelter Location

The Ewing Animal Shelter is located behind the Ewing Municipal Building at 4 Jake Garzio Drive, Ewing NJ 08628. It is in the back parking lot, all the way at the end. There are signs that should direct you to the shelter.

