Pet Services Volunteers

Welcome to the Pet Services department! If you enjoy caring for our four-legged friends as much as the Pet Services Specialist do, then volunteering with us is the perfect place for you! Volunteering with the PSS tends to be a fast paced, active, and rewarding opportunity for anyone looking to expand their Animal Husbandry experience. The skills learned in the PSS department are the cornerstone of the Animal Care Field. These skills will improve your knowledge and enhance your ability to move forward in your future animal welfare endeavors. Helping care for our four-legged friends is the first step into finding their furever home.

- **Morning Cleaning in the Kennels** – Morning cleaning is one of the most important activities here at ADL. Keeping and maintaining the living quarters of our animal residents nice and clean is crucial to ensuring the health of everyone. This also informs the customers that our animals are well cared for and enhances the opportunity of committing to a fur-ever friend.
- **Maintaining a clean Campus**- Tasking may consist of morning cleaning, washing dishes, doing laundry, and scooping waste in kennels in order to keep ADL running smoothly.
- **Socialization** – After morning cleaning is done, volunteers can socialize with qualifying residents in certain areas such as cattery and puppy areas. Socializing with our residents is key in helping them raise their chance of adoption.
- **Cattery** – Our cattery section is its own little world separate from their canine counterparts, in this section volunteers ensure that the cattery is clean and presentable for our feline residents and their potential adopters.
- **Dog Walking** – Volunteers are encouraged to start working on their dog walking checklist following orientation to become familiar with safe and proper K9 handling. Upon completion of the required interactive sessions, volunteers can walk some of our qualifying dogs. This is extremely rewarding and beneficial for both the animal and the handler.
- **Enrichment/Boredum Busters**- Preparing daily enrichment is a treat that also stimulates the mind of the animals on property. Check out our enrichment zone over at the Nacogdoches location.