

## Chico Animal Shelter Volunteer Role Description

<b>Position Title</b>		<b>Dog Walking</b>						
<b>Direct Supervisor</b>		<b>Shelter Staff</b>						
<b>Organization Mission</b>								
<p>Courteously and compassionately promote the health, safety and welfare of citizens and animals in our community by honoring the human-animal bond, treating each person and animal as an individual, and providing humane care and positive outcomes for unowned/unclaimed animals.</p>								
<b>Activities and Goals</b>								
<p>Provide comfort for the dogs housed at the shelter by taking them out of their kennel for a walk.</p>								
<b>Duties and Responsibilities</b>								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take dogs for short bathroom breaks, out to the play yard for exercise, or longer walks off site</li> <li>• Picking up poop when walking dog (poop bags provided)</li> <li>• Make sure kennel is clean when putting dog back into run             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This may involve scooping poop and spot cleaning as needed and topping off water</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Advanced dog walkers may be involved in dog play groups and behavior modification</li> </ul>								
<b>Minimum Time Requirements</b>								
<p>2 hours per week (9:30 AM – 6:00PM). Ongoing need.</p>								
<b>Location/Work Environment</b>				<b>Eligible for work at home</b>				
<p>Dog kennels at animal shelter. May be subject to loud noises (barking dogs), pet hair and dander, feces and urine, cleaning agents, and strong odors. Exposure to dogs, who can be unpredictable.</p>								
<b>Interaction With Animals</b>		None		Minimal		Some	x	Extensive
<b>Interaction the Public</b>	x	None		Minimal		Some		Extensive
<b>Experience Needed</b>	x	Entry Level	x	Prior Experience and/or Training Needed				
<b>Skills/Qualities Required</b>								
<p>Comfortable around a variety of dogs and willingness to learn about dog behavior.            Ability to take direction and learn shelter policies and procedures.            Some familiarity with positive reinforcement training techniques.            Ability to work independently.</p>								
<b>Orientation and Training</b>								
<p>Training will include an orientation on leashing and taking dogs in and out of kennels, and dog walking protocols. This will allow volunteer to walk approved Level 1 dogs. Additional training on dog behavior and training required to walk more advanced dogs (Level 2) and participate in play groups.</p>								
<b>Other</b>								
<p>Volunteer is required to wear closed-toed shoes and long pants. Tee-shirts, no tank tops.</p>								