



Dog Activities

APA! has an activity that benefits our dogs for just about any dog lover! The activities range from marketing and promoting our dogs to working on a training plan with them. Every activity is important and crucial to our ability as an organization to save each of these lives.

Our dog handling positions do require specific capabilities.

Weekend Kennel Feeding

Feed our 150+ dogs every Saturday or Sunday! Volunteers help get all of the dogs fed, watered and provide a fresh blanket to each dog at TLAC. Don't worry, we have volunteer leads who will show you what to do!

Dog Enrichment

Enrich the lives of our dogs at TLAC by joining the enrichment team. The team washes, stuffs, and distributes Kongs and other items keep the dogs mentally stimulated. *Additional training is required.

Dog Matchmakers

Matchmakers are our frontline and assist potential adopters at meeting their new best friend! They give exceptional customer service and highlighting our dogs best features, while discovering the adopter's needs and matching that too the right dog. *Additional training is required. Must be 18+ years of age.

Dog Maternity

Volunteers clean, feed and care for our moms-to-be or nursing moms. *Additional training is required. Must be 18+ years of age.

General Support

Volunteers are needed throughout the day for general support activities to keep us running and be able to meet our animals basic needs, allowing our trained animal handling volunteers to offer direct care. Support volunteers will help with weekend dog feedings, laundry, poop fairyng and more.

Dog Marketing

Help get dogs adopted by marketing them! Our dog marketing team photographs and videos the dogs for the website, gathers information about the dogs, writes bios, and posts ads to websites like Petfinder and Craigslist.



Tarrytown Dog Adoption Center

Provide socialization to our puppies and small dogs in a fun dog park type setting!

*Additional training is required.

Dog Walking

Ensure APA! dogs get the walks, exercise and TLC they need (and deserve) every day.

Walkers are most needed before 11am and after 5pm to meet our dogs basic needs, but trained walkers are welcome all day long. *Additional training is required. Must be at least 16 years of age.

Big Brother/Big Sister for Dogs

Volunteers act as "big" to dogs who are waiting to be adopted. Help market, train and get your little adopted by working on a training plan, taking photos, videos and creating bios, or by taking them on field trips or sleepovers to gain more information about them. *Additional training is required. 18+ years of age is required to take dogs on sleepovers or field trips.

Rufftail Runner

If you are wanting to take dogs to Town Lake for a run, you can join Rufftail Runners.

Rufftails Runners is it's own non-profit whose volunteers take select APA! dogs to the trail.

Once you are an APA! volunteer with dog walking experience you can then become a Rufftail Runner. *Additional training is required. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Virtual Foster

For those who want to foster, but aren't able to! As a Virtual Foster (VF) you do everything a regular foster does, but the dog lives with us at TLAC. You will help get your virtual foster dog adopted by getting photos, videos and bios up on our website; you'll be the point person for any questions potential adopters may have, and help provide training to your VF.

Dog Behavior

Our Behavior Team volunteers are crucial to saving large breed dogs. Once volunteers successfully complete our dog walking training program they can continue to help those dogs most in need by running dogs to play group, join our Canine Good Citizen (CGC)/T.O.P. Dog training program, and becoming a Canine Coach! Each position teaches volunteers how to teach our dogs the skills they need to help them find a home and stay in that home! *Additional training is required. Must be at least 16 years of age.

Parvo Puppy ICU

Parvo is a contagious disease among puppies that can be cured with treatment. Help care for puppies that have parvovirus in our isolated intensive care unit. *Additional training required. Must be 18+ years of age.