

Animal Ambassador Volunteer

The Animal Ambassador volunteer role is an opportunity for EHS adopters and their dogs to represent the organization at various events and local community engagement opportunities. Ambassador volunteers will greet members of the public, introduce their furry companion, share their unique adoption story, and encourage others to help support the organization's mission and vision.

Participation in this role includes a free 6-week Ambassador Training program facilitated by an EHS Trainer to ensure volunteers and their dogs feel confident and prepared.

Duties:

- Attend community outreach, fundraising, and education events with their dog both on-site and off-site.
- Engage with the public and educate them about the organization's mission and vision.
- Provide information on the programs and services available at EHS.
- Introduce the ambassador dog and share their adoption story.
- Monitor the ambassador dog to ensure that interactions are positive and appropriate.
- Maintain a positive attitude and have fun!

Skills:

Volunteer:

- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Comfortable with dog handling and using positive reinforcement.
- Knowledge of with EHS programs, services, adoption process, mission, and vision are considered an asset.

Dog:

- Friendly and generally sociable.
- Enjoys attention and affection.

Role Requirements:

Volunteer Requirements:

- Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older.

Dog Requirements:

- Dog must have been adopted from EHS.
- Dog must be healthy, spayed/neutered, and up-to-date on all vaccines.
- Dog must be at least 1 year old.
- Dog must be generally sociable and have no history of the following: aggression towards people or other animals, and/or resource guarding (i.e. food, toys).

- Dog must be up to date with necessary bylaw licences and must have an up-to-date microchip and/or tattoo.

To ensure that the volunteers and their canine companions are a good fit for the role, the short-listed candidates will be invited to a free 6-week training program. Upon completion of the program, the participant's and their dog will be required to pass a final assessment prior to being approved for active duty.

Commitment and Scheduling:

- Position is as needed according to event scheduling.

Training:

- Sessions are scheduled for 1-hour over the course of 6 weeks.
- Once a shortlist of candidates has been selected, training will be scheduled and hosted in the Canine Enrichment Center at EHS.

Recruitment Process:

- Application
- In-person interview with volunteer and ambassador dog
- Criminal record check
- Completion of 6-week training program
- Successful completion of final assessment

How to Apply:

Click the button below to apply; you will be prompted to create an account and answer application questions in VolunteerHub.

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