



## Austin Humane Society Volunteer Task Description

<b>Volunteer Position Title:</b>	Animal Socializer-Dog	<b>Reports To:</b>	Volunteer Program Supervisor
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**General Purpose:**

The general purpose of the Animal Socializer Volunteer is to work with our animals to keep them happy, healthy and well-socialized during their stay at AHS.

**Essential Functions:**

- Take dogs to the dog runs and/or field for short walks to provide an opportunity to relieve themselves, exercise and socialize with people.
- Socialize dogs in the volunteer lounge, auditorium, and/or visitation rooms, which includes brushing, petting and interacting with dogs individually and providing them with time outside of their kennel.
- Pick up any feces deposited inside or outside shelter.
- Interact with dogs following the techniques and procedures outlined in trainings
- Adhere to AHS procedures and protocols related to animal handling, disease control, cleanliness, etc.
- Communicate professionally and respectfully at all times with the general public, staff, and volunteers.

**Dress Code:**

- Closed toed shoes (no sandals or flip flops) with rubber soles for traction
- Long pants (jeans or similar, no shorts, no exposed leg)
- T-shirts or sleeved shirts (no tank tops, bare midriffs, or sleeveless tops)

**Physical and Mental Requirements/Work Environment:**

These are physical and mental requirements of the task as it is typically performed. Inability to meet one or more of these physical or mental requirements will not automatically disqualify a candidate from the position. Upon request for a reasonable accommodation, the Humane Society may be able to adjust or excuse one or more of these requirements, depending on the requirement, the essential functions to which it relates, and the proposed accommodation.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seeing           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ability to move distances | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X, 50lbs Lifting (specify)  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Color Perception | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hearing/Listening         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X, 50lbs Carrying (specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear Speech     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pushing/pulling           | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving (local/over the road)          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Touching         |   |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dexterity        |   |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hand             |   |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finger           |   |   |

**Mental/Reasoning Requirements:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reading - Simple | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Math Skills        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Analysis/Comprehension |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Writing - Simple | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judgment/Decision Making |  |

**Work Environment:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Works Alone             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outside             | <input type="checkbox"/> Pressurized Equipment  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Works with Others       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise               | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Objects         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verbal Contact w/Others | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Equipment           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fumes/Odors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Face-to-Face Contact    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exposure to animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inside                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Equipment           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dirt Dust   |

**Disclaimer:**

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by volunteers assigned to this classification. They are not intended as an exhaustive list of all duties and/or skills required of this position.