



One Day, Endless Adventure

**GREENVILLE COUNTY ANIMAL CARE
DOGGY'S DAY OUT
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM MANUAL**



Before You Pick Up Your Dog

1. Be prepared for anything. We try our very best to match you with a dog that we think will do well with you, but your dog may have a very different personality once they are comfortable and away from a shelter setting.
2. Ready your car with the appropriate amount of space for the dog. Depending on the dog, you may need enough space for a size appropriate crate, a friend to help contain the dog to the back seat, or a barrier to avoid the dog from getting to the driver and passengers seat.
3. Please plan to leave your own dog at home! The goal of our day trips is to give the dog a break from the shelter and some one on one time with humans. We want these adventure field trips geared towards interacting with humans and not with other dogs.

IF YOUR DOG GETS LOOSE:

1. Do not panic! If you can see the dog, try calling them. You may be more successful calling them to get their attention and then walking the opposite direction, kneeling down and digging in the dirt as if you just found something extremely interesting.
2. Only reach for the dog if you feel you can safely do so.
3. If the dog is in a flat out run, they may not respond to you at all. Please try following them from a distance so that you can see the direction they are going.
4. If they enter a yard, garage, etc., please secure the area to make sure they cannot bolt again before attempting to lure them to you.
5. Call us for help!

IF A BITE OCCURS:

1. If the dog bites anyone (even you), we need to know right away.
2. Take all of the victim's information (name, phone number, address) so that we can contact them to fill out the appropriate paperwork.
3. Document the location and severity of the wound. Taking a photograph of the bite wound(s) is the best way to do this.
4. State law requires us to report any bites that break skin to the appropriate animal control agency.
5. We will also need to follow state laws for quarantine. A bite is not an automatic reason for euthanasia unless we feel the dog is a danger to the public, so please do not hesitate reporting it.

6. If you are seeing any signs of aggression, even if it is minor, immediately return the dog to our shelter.

IF SOMEONE IS INTERESTED IN ADOPTING

1. If you encounter someone who is interested in adopting your dog, please hand him or her your dog's business card so that they may follow up with us when you return the dog.
2. In general, the adoption fee for adult dogs is \$35 and includes spay/neuter, vaccines, and a microchip.
3. Most people who adopt our dogs have seen them on our website or social media. It is very important that we have adorable photos, and if possible a great video of your dog. Please share these to adoptapet@greenvillecounty.org. We need your help to make sure your dog is seen as much as possible!

AS A PARTICIPANT, YOU MUST AGREE TO

1. Keep dog on a leash when outside.
2. Off leash dog parks are off-limits!
3. Never leave a dog unattended in your vehicle for any amount of time.
4. Keep dogs on a short leash where they may encounter people and other dogs.
5. Do not allow children to have control of the dog's leash.
6. Never leave the dog alone with small children.
7. Do not do dog-to-dog introductions during your adventure time.
8. Inform us right away if the dog gets loose and you are unable to catch it.
9. Always properly dispose of your dog's poop. We provide poop bags in the kit.
10. Return the dog at the agreed upon times.
11. Report any behavior or medical concerns to us when you return the dog.
12. Do not verbally or physically punish the dog.
13. Present the dog in a positive way to potential adopters and members of the public

We love to see and hear about your adventures today and pictures of your day can help them find an awesome forever home.

If you post pics on social, please tag us:

Facebook: [@gvlanimalcare](#)

Twitter: [@GvlAnimalCare](#)

Instagram: [@gvlanimalcare](#)

Use the hashtags [#doggysdayout](#) [#gvlanimalcare](#)

We re-tweet and re-gram!

You can also send photos to adoptapet@greenvillecounty.org.