



## **VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION BEHAVIOR**

### **TITLE:**

Play Group Runner BH-PR rev. 3/30/22

### **MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

Playgroups provide dogs with exercise and social interaction with other dogs.

The benefits of playgroups include:

- Freedom: Off-leash and out of kennel time for dogs is invaluable for burning off energy and reducing stress so dogs are more relaxed during training and when meeting potential adopters.
- Learning: Interaction with their own species can help dogs to gain social skills that may improve their ability to play and interact with other dogs after adoption.
- Better understanding center dogs: Time spent in playgroup is time spent observing dogs; knowing more about our dogs allows us to do a better job finding the perfect home.
- Fun: Everyone enjoys seeing dogs have so much fun!

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Brings dogs from the kennel on a leash to gate door in the requested order on list
- Brings the dog into the introduction area, when not occupied
- Opens the introduction panel, so that the dog is able to enter the play yard at its own pace, without letting any other dogs into the introduction area
- If Runner enters the play yard, he or she needs to not have any physical or verbal contact with dogs (this is to avoid conflict amongst dogs) to let dogs be dogs.
- After play time walks the dogs back to the kennels.
- Take instructions from Leader regarding use of tools and when or which dogs should be removed from playgroup

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Comfort working with dogs
2. Minimum 18 years of age

### **TRAINING:**

1. Attend MSRPAC's volunteer onboarding and complete leash-walking mentoring with an approved volunteer mentor.

### **TIME AND PLACE:**

One-hour shifts available at 10:30am and 1:00pm

**COMMITMENT:**

Minimum of two hours per month for six months

**SUPERVISION:**

Direct supervision by Play Group Lead Staff. Indirect supervision by the Volunteer Services manager or coordinator.

**BENEFITS:**

1. Continuing Education
2. Recognition events
3. Volunteer newsletter
4. 10% discount at Critter Corner Pet Store
5. Personal fulfillment
6. Licks, wags and purrs!