



# Canine Companion

Overview: Canine Companions play a crucial role in providing humane care and ensuring the health and safety of dogs in our care. With the support of the Volunteer Manager and Adoptions Managers, Canine Companions will provide mental and physical enrichment for the adoptable dogs in our shelter, which is imperative to their care and wellbeing.

## Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Train adoptable dogs on appropriate cage presence
- Walk adoptable dogs on the property for up to 15 minutes
- Socialize adoptable dogs in their cages
- Provide daily enrichment for adoptable dogs, as directed by our adoptions staff
- Assist customers in the kennels by answering their questions or directing them to a staff member
- Observe and document any medical or behavioral concerns, and report them using the appropriate channel
- Document dog's bathroom habits and always use "poop bags" to clean up after dogs while they are out
- Report any feedback or concerns to adoptions staff regarding potential adopters
- Follow all Midcoast Humane policies and procedures regarding dog handling

## Training:

- 2.5 Hour training class with Volunteer Manager
- Check-in with Volunteer Manager after 12 hours of service

## Physical Demands

- Ability to lift and/or restrain 50+ pounds
- Ability to read and respond to animal body language and behavior
- Ability to work in an environment where you will be exposed to strong smells, animal waste, and potentially hazardous conditions, including the risk of animal bites
- Walking for periods on time with frequent bending, kneeling, stooping and reaching
- Must be over 16 years of age

## Commitment:

- Minimum of 2 shifts per month for 4 months