



**POSITION TYPE:** Voluntary

**POSITION REPORTS TO:** Volunteer Coordinator/Animal Control Officer

**SUMMARY:** K9 Walkers provide much needed one-on-one attention and care for shelter dogs, including walks, obedience training, and enrichment program support. • Exercising dogs in the appropriate areas located on the shelter property. • Interact with dogs in proper and non-aggressive play, work on basic training skills. • Always clean up after dogs when out of the kennels. • Clean up and tidy dog kennels as needed. • Directing all public questions about specific dogs to the Volunteer Coordinator and or an Animal Control Officer.

**POSITION SPECIFICATIONS:** K9 Walkers exercise and provide shelter dogs that are currently in the care of Gloucester County Animal Control with positive interaction creating a healthier, happier more adoptable dog. Some volunteers work with dogs to develop good manners such as walking well on a leash, basic obedience, and mental stimulation.

**TRAINING REQUIRED:** • Read and understand the volunteer Code of Conduct • Attend Canine Walking Safety Training.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:** Possibility of being subjected to animal bites and scratches. Potential exposure to chemicals, prescribed drugs such as antibiotics, topical medications, etc., and cleaning products. Potential exposure to zoonotic (animal transmitted) diseases. Inclement weather. Dog walking is for all seasons, sometimes in the snow, rain, in low and high temperatures.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential function of this job. Requires moderate physical fitness, upper and lower body strength. Requires moderate mobility and stability walking over uneven terrain. Regular lifting to 10 lbs., frequent lifting to 35 lbs., and occasional lifting over 35 lbs. with reasonable accommodations. Frequent walking, standing, bending, and stooping.

**Other Requirements:** • Submit a Criminal Background Check Authorization form for Gloucester County • Never have been convicted of Animal Cruelty under code section 3.2-6570