



DOG DAY OUT

Participant Manual

Thank you!

We hope you enjoy your day with your furry friend! By taking a dog out for a short field trip, you are giving them the opportunity to experience new things. This is great for both their mental and physical health. In addition, you can help us to learn more about their personality to help them find the perfect home! Please take a few minutes to read through these helpful resources, and most importantly, have a great day on your

Dog Day Out!

Non-Emergency Contacts

(see back of packet for emergency info)

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Prepare for the Day!

Gather your squad

Remember that the dog must always be in the control of an adult 18 years of age or older. Others are welcome to join in the fun, but the leash should be held by an adult. Dogs and children should never be left unsupervised.

Plan for a solo day

The goal of our Dog Day Out is to give the dog a break from the shelter and some one-on-one time with humans. Although many shelter dogs do well with other dogs, these trips should be geared toward interacting with humans. Please make an effort to maintain twenty feet of space from other dogs during your outing.

We also recommend keeping your dog day out friend and your pets separated. If you do decide to allow interaction ensure both dogs are kept on leash, have a friend or roommate help supervise the interaction, and keep the interaction short so both dogs leave with a positive experience.

Aggieland Humane is not liable for the cost of treatment incurred for injuries or illness to your own pet during your experience.

Dog selection and expectations

We do not know the full history of any animal in our care. Dog Day Out is a great opportunity to find out more about their personality outside of the shelter environment. We take great care to screen dogs for this program and match you with a dog that fits your preferences. Please be prepared to be flexible during the day. A shy dog may come out of their shell and an outgoing dog may become overwhelmed. Be open to their needs to ensure the best experience for both of you!

Transportation

Ready your car with the appropriate amount of space for the dog. The dog must be restrained in your vehicle at all times. We will provide either a travel kennel or seat belt harness for use in your vehicle.

Dogs are not to be allowed to move freely inside the vehicle. Dogs cannot ride in the bed of a truck, even if they are confined to a kennel or tethered to the truck bed.

Planning a staycation?

If you plan to take your dog home, please check your fence line and property for holes, loose planks, poisonous plants, foxtails, and dangerous household items. Even if you have/had a dog that has never escaped, please don't assume your property is secure. Many of the dogs in our care were strays and may have a tendency to roam, especially on an unfamiliar property with unknown boundaries.

Participant Expectations

As a participant in the Dog Day Out program, you agree to:

- Have the dog under YOUR supervision at all times.
 - Never leave children unattended with the dog.
 - Never allow a child under 18 to hold the leash or be in physical control of the dog.
 - Inform us if the dog bites anyone (including you) right away.
 - Maintain a twenty foot distance from other dogs while walking or in public - no dog to dog introductions.
 - Keep the dog on leash unless confined in your home or back yard.
 - Do not take the dog to off-leash dog areas or dog parks.
 - Pick up and return the dog at the agreed upon times.
 - Transport the dog in a safe manner by either being in a crate or safely restrained in a back seat.
 - Keep the dog offsite (aka don't walk around AgHS property except for a potty break before loading).
 - Report any behavior or medical concerns to your coordinator.
 - Keep the dog safe by providing adequate rest, shade, shelter, and water.
 - Utilize only positive reinforcement training.
 - Have a cell phone with you at all times that can be used to contact you.
 - Present the dog in a positive way to potential adopters and members of the public.
 - Provide pictures and feedback on the dog's personality and your experience with Dog Day Out.
 - Dogs in the Dog Day Out program should not be used for promotional purposes such as events or for other public engagement.
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Things To Do

You can take your Dog Day Out dog to any dog-friendly location (see exceptions above). Please be overly cautious when visiting businesses and flexible with your plans if the dog is uncomfortable or disruptive in any situation. Here are some specific locations that we have made arrangements with

- Lucky Dog Wash
 - You can visit Lucky Dog Wash to give your dog a bath in their DIY tubs.
 - 1713 Park Place Suite 104 College Station, TX 77840
- Petsmart
 - If we have people interested in meeting your Dog Day Out dog, we may contact you to meet them at the Petsmart on Arrington Road as a safe meeting location.

If Your Dog Gets Loose

Sometimes despite our best intentions, a dog will get loose. Please try not to panic.

If you can see the dog, try calling them and making yourself more interesting than whatever is around them. This might include walking or jogging away from them, kneeling down, or even pretending to dig as if you just found something interesting! Many of our more social dogs may come right back to you. However, even the most social dogs may not respond if they are scared or spooked.

If the dog does not respond, try following them calmly at a distance until they slow down. Avoid chasing or running after the dog. This may frighten a scared dog even more or start a game of chase with a social dog. Calmly following them will allow you to see which direction they are headed and potentially catch up to them so you can lure them back to you.

Please keep in mind that reaching for a scared dog or a dog backed into a corner may cause them to bite. Only reach for the dog if they appear calm.

If you are unable to catch the dog or cannot safely follow them, call us for assistance.

If A Bite Occurs

If the dog bites anyone (you included) we need to know right away. If the dog bites a stranger, please take all of their information - name, address, and phone number - so that we can contact them to fill out the appropriate paperwork. We will need you to document what happened and the location and severity of the wound. We are required by law to quarantine any animal who has broken skin with a bite. This is to ensure that the bite victim is not at risk of contracting the rabies virus.

A bite is not an automatic reason for euthanasia so please do not hesitate to report any incident that occurs. Our priority is the health and safety of both the person who was bitten and the dog.

If you see any signs of aggression, even if it is very minor, please contact us immediately or return to the shelter.

If Someone is Interested in Adopting

If you encounter someone who is interested in adopting your dog, please give them the dog's business card so that they can contact the shelter for more information. You can also inform them of when you will return the dog to the shelter. We cannot place a hold on an animal for interested adopters, but we can explain how to start the adoption process when they call!

The adoption fee for adult dogs is \$100. This includes their spay or neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, a registered microchip, and other coupons and benefits. If the person completes their adoption within 1 week and presents the dog's business card at the time of adoption they will receive 50% off their adoption fee.

This includes you! If you are interested in adopting your Dog Day Out pal, please visit the Welcome Center after returning your dog for more information.

Other FAQs

Aggieland Humane is your LOCAL independent animal welfare charity. We do not receive operating funds from any national organizations. Please, keep your support local and help save lives here at home. THANK YOU!

The shelter is open to the public Monday - Friday from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. We are located at 5359 Leonard Road Bryan, TX 77807.

People can get more information and submit applications to volunteer or foster at aggielandhumane.org.

In Case of Emergency

Please call 979-775-5755 and return to shelter immediately

****All visits to a veterinarian must be approved in advance for the cost to be covered by AgHS****

Emergencies that require immediate attention:

- Sudden or blowout diarrhea where dog has no control at all
- Extreme dehydration (tacky gums, pinched skin stays tented)
- Excessive vomiting or vomit that is not clear in color (red, green, yellow)
- Lethargy
- Swelling of the face or eyes
- Prolapsed rectum
- Ingestion of something toxic
- Swollen or broken limbs
- Seizures
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Sudden disorientation or incoordination
- Anything else that makes you concerned for the dog's health or safety

Non-emergency concerns can be noted at the time of drop off

Drop-off Time

Dogs must be returned to the shelter no later than 4:00 pm.