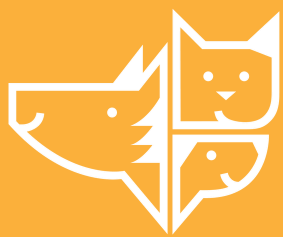


DOGGY DAY OUT HANDBOOK



HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NORTH TEXAS®



We appreciate you.

First and foremost, **THANK YOU** for gifting your time to our shelter dogs! By taking them out for just a few hours a day, our temporary residents can exert pent-up energy as well as be mentally stimulated by new experiences and people!

As a result of a Doggy Day Out, our dogs are less anxious or exuberant when they meet potential adopters, and they gain useful life skills that they wouldn't get from just sitting and waiting in the shelter. Another added bonus is that people who are not likely to come into shelters are still able to see our available animals!



Important Phone Numbers & Contacts

For general questions, info, & non-emergencies
volunteers@hsnt.org

Saxe-Forte (Fort Worth)
817.332.4768 x102
fwadoptions@hsnt.org

Keller Regional Adoption Center
817.743.4711
keller@hsnt.org

Stay Connected

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

If you post pics on social, please tag us!

 [HumaneSocietyofNorthTexas](https://www.facebook.com/HumaneSocietyofNorthTexas)

 [@humanesocietyofnorthtexas](https://www.instagram.com/humanesocietyofnorthtexas)

 [@humanesocietyofnorthtexas](https://twitter.com/humanesocietyofnorthtexas)

 [@humanesocietyntx](https://www.tiktok.com/@humanesocietyntx)

 [@humanesocietyntx](https://www.youtube.com/@humanesocietyntx)

 [Humane Society of North Texas](https://www.linkedin.com/company/Humane Society of North Texas)

Please send photos and videos to communications@hsnt.org

In Case of Emergency

Please call Fort Worth 817.332.4768 x102, or Keller Regional 817.743.4711, and return the dog immediately. Non-emergency concerns can be noted at the time of drop off.

- Sudden or blowout diarrhea where the dog has no control at all
- Temperatures over 104 degrees
- Extreme dehydration – If you pinch the skin and the skin remains tented for 5 seconds. (The eyes may appear to be sunken in. The gums will feel dry or tacky.)
- Excessive vomiting or vomiting blood or green or yellow bile
- Vomiting combined with diarrhea and lethargy
- Difficulty breathing or very shallow or labored breathing
- Extreme lethargy - dog is barely moving or not moving at all
- 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 think that your dog is in pain or in danger



BEFORE YOU PICK UP YOUR DOG

- Be prepared for anything. Remember, we don't know what many of these dogs have been through. We don't know their past; we don't know how they have been treated; we don't know what their living situation was like; and, most importantly, we don't know their true personality. All we do know is what we see here at our facility and what little (if any) information their previous caretaker provided. 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.
- Remember that the dog must always be under the control of an adult over the age of 18. While we welcome family outings, the leash must always be held by an adult, and dogs and children should never be left unsupervised.
- 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 in the back seat, or a barrier to prevent the dog from reaching the driver and passenger seats.
- **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. Although most of our shelter dogs do well with other dogs and enjoy doggy playtime, we prefer these field trips to be geared towards interacting with humans and not with other dogs. Maintain **a twenty-foot distance from other dogs while out in public.** HSNT is not liable for the treatment or cost of vet bills incurred for your own pets at your private veterinarian.
- 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 gotten loose, please don't assume that your property is secure. We don't know the histories of most of the dogs we place, and most of them were strays.

HSNT will provide you with a leash, doggy seat belt, poop bags, water bottle, water bowl, crate if needed, and business cards!



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. Some of our more social guests may come right to you, but very often, even social dogs get frightened once they get loose. You may be more successful by calling them to get their attention, then walking in the opposite direction, or kneeling and digging in the dirt as if you've just found something extremely interesting.

Reaching for a scared dog will often cause them to bolt and may result in a bite, so please use caution and only reach for the dog if you feel you can do so safely. If the dog is in a secured area but is so scared that they are growling at you, please call us so we can help! If the dog is already in a flat-out run and is panicked, they may not respond to you at all. Please try to follow them from a distance so you can see the direction they are going and, hopefully, catch up to them once they have slowed down. If they enter a yard, garage, etc., please secure the area to make sure they can't bolt again before attempting to lure them to you. We understand that every circumstance is different and that luring your dog to you may not be possible; please call us if this is the case!

IF A BITE OCCURS



If the dog bites anyone (you included), we need to know right away. If the dog bites a stranger, please collect all their information so we can contact them to complete the appropriate paperwork. We will need you to document what happened, the location, and the severity of the wound.

We are required by law to report any bites that break the skin to the appropriate animal control agency. ***We will also need to comply with state quarantine laws.*** A bite is not an automatic reason for euthanasia, so please do not hesitate to report it. If you see any signs of aggression, even if they are very minor, please contact your coordinator immediately.



IF SOMEONE IS INTERESTED IN ADOPTING

If you encounter someone interested in adopting your dog, please give them the dog's business card so they may follow up with the dog's owner. You can also direct them to your coordinator. In general, the adoption fee for small dogs is **\$325**, and for large adult dogs is **\$100**, and includes spay/neuter, vaccinations to date, microchip, 30 days of free pet insurance, and a free vet exam with participating vets.

The majority of our adoptions result from dogs being seen on our website. It is very important that we have adorable photos, and if possible, a great video (vertical for social media and horizontal for the website) of your dog.

Please share these at communications@hsnt.org. We need your help to make sure your dog is seen as much as possible!



AS A DOGGY DAY OUT VOLUNTEER, YOU MUST AGREE TO:

- Have the dog under YOUR supervision at all times
- Never leave children unattended with any dog
- Never allow a child under eighteen to hold the leash or be in physical control of the dog
- Inform us if the dog bites anyone (you included) right away
- Maintain a twenty-foot distance from other dogs while walking or in public – no dog-to-dog intros
- Keep the dog on a leash unless confined in your home/backyard
- Do not take the dog to off-leash dog areas, dog parks, or do dog introductions while on your trip
- 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
- 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 (do not verbally or physically punish the dog)
- 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



DOGGY DAY OUT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Key Questions

1. What is your level of experience? (Check all that apply)

- Never owned a dog
- Owned a dog but have not completed obedience training
- Have completed basic obedience training with a dog
- Have completed intermediate training with a dog

2. What type of outings do you plan on having? (Check all that apply)

- Trips to your home: Apartment ____ House ____ Fenced Yard ____
- Hikes/Local Parks
- Coffee/shopping
- Other _____

3. Home Environment (Check all that apply)

- Dogs ____
- Cats ____
- Children/ ages _____

4. Preference details (Check all that apply)

- Size/Weight: Small ____ Med ____ Large ____
- Energy Level: Low ____ Med ____ High ____
- Behavior: Easy ____ Mod ____ Challenging ____

5. Needs (Check all that apply)

- Doggy seat belt ____
- Crate ____
- Other _____

6. Any Additional information we should know?



HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTH TEXAS' DOGGY DAY OUT PROGRAM VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

Thank you for your interest in HSNT's Doggy Day Out program. Doggy Day Out is a unique program that allows volunteers to take shelter dogs for a day-long outing. By participating in the Doggy Day Out program, I agree to the following:

I understand that volunteering with HSNT may require me to come into contact with animals and that there are risks associated with my volunteer activities, including, but not limited to, dog bites and/or scratches. I assume the risks and accept personal liability for any damages that may result from my volunteer activities. I HEREBY IRREVOCABLY RELEASE THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTH TEXAS, AND (2) ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND VOLUNTEERS (collectively referred to as "Released Parties") FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS I MAY HAVE, OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ACCRUE TO ME, AGAINST RELEASED PARTIES FOR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, AND ALL PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS, ARISING OUT OF MY VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTH TEXAS.

I hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold the Released Parties harmless from any and all liability, losses, damages, judgments, or expenses, including attorneys' fees, that the Released Parties may sustain in connection with any third-party claims that arise out of my volunteer activities, whether such volunteer activities occur on HSNT's premises, at my home, or elsewhere.

I UNDERSTAND THAT HSNT DOES NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR OR OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR OTHER ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO MEDICAL, HEALTH, OR DISABILITY INSURANCE OF ANY NATURE IN THE EVENT OF MY INJURY, ILLNESS, OR DEATH, OR DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF MY PROPERTY. I UNDERSTAND THAT HSNT DOES NOT PROVIDE WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR VOLUNTEERS. AND HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION OR LIABILITY ON THE PART OF HSNT IN THE EVENT OF ANY INJURY OR MEDICAL EXPENSE.

I agree that if I volunteer to transport any HSNT animal(s) in my personal vehicle for any purpose, I will 1) maintain at least the state-required minimum amounts of automobile insurance on the vehicle and 2) release, indemnify, and hold the Released Parties harmless from any claims arising from and/or related in any way to such animal's presence in my vehicle.

I acknowledge and understand that I am a volunteer of The Humane Society of North Texas. I am not eligible for HSNT's Workers' Compensation or any other type of compensation or employee benefit in connection with my volunteer activities.

By using the HSNT tags or the #doggydayout hashtag in the images and other content I post on my social media accounts related to my volunteer activities, I hereby grant HSNT and Humane Society Silicon Valley d/b/a Mutual Rescue a non-exclusive, fully paid, worldwide, perpetual license to use, modify, publicly perform, publicly display, and reproduce my photographs, name, and likeness solely for marketing and promotional purposes.



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I certify that I am 18 years of age or older. I have received and read HSNT's current version of the Doggy Day Out Manual and agree to abide by its requirements and guidelines. Further, I specifically agree to the following:

1. To care for and treat humanely any dog given to me.
2. To keep the dog on a leash unless confined in my home or a securely fenced yard.
3. To use reasonable care to ensure the safety and well-being of the dog in my care, the safety of other dogs, and the people the dog comes into contact with.
4. To contact HSNT if the dog exhibits symptoms that indicate a serious condition. Please see HSNT's Doggy Day Out Manual for examples of potential emergencies.
5. To keep the dog under my direct supervision at all times during the volunteer activity and to maintain a distance of 20 feet between the dog and other animals.
6. To immediately notify HSNT in the event of a missing or injured dog, if the dog bites any person or animal, or any other injury or accident that I witness or experience resulting from my volunteer activities.
7. That all dogs are the property of HSNT and shall not be sold, given away, or adopted out without prior approval of HSNT-authorized personnel.
8. To provide any change to my personal information, such as name, address, or phone number.

I understand that this Doggy Day Out Volunteer Agreement and Release is binding on my heirs, assigns, and legal representatives. This Doggy Day Out Volunteer Agreement and Release form is executed by me voluntarily and without reliance upon any representation by any person.

By signing below, I acknowledge and represent that I have read and understood the foregoing release, signed it voluntarily, and agree to the indemnity and waiver of liability above.

Volunteer's Printed Name

Volunteer's Signature

Date

Manager, Humane Society of North Texas

Date