



**REPORTS TO:** Canine Care Coordinator

**TIME COMMITMENT & LOCATION OF WORK:** This is a part-time position and the selected candidate will work 2-5 shifts per week. Shifts are either: (8am-4pm; 9am-2pm; or 3pm-8pm). The position has a rotating schedule and weekend, evening and some holiday work is required. We care for our dogs seven days/nights a week, rain or shine, and are looking for someone committed to assisting in their care with a positive attitude and eagerness to work hard.

**POSITION SUMMARY:** The canine caretaker is expected to work within a team setting to oversee the health, well-being and general care of all canines at Acadiana Animal Aid while reporting to the Canine Care Coordinator. All caretakers must work with and engage volunteers while overseeing their safety and following of protocols.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Walking/exercising dogs
- Feeding the dogs, monitoring eating habits, and reporting appetite or weight fluctuations
- Clean kennels, crates, runs and dishes in accordance with posted protocols
- Poop scooping
- Bathing and brushing dogs
- Administer medications
- Enhance the physical and emotional wellbeing of all dogs
- Work with trainer/behaviorist on dog enrichment, behavior modification and specific training programs
- Treat the animals with kindness and respect
- Work closely with and supervise volunteers
- Communicate clearly to staff and volunteers
- Identify and report improvements to cleaning procedures and care-taking responsibilities
- Ensure the dogs have comfortable bedding available and appropriate enrichment/stimulation
- Help maintain upkeep of outdoor yards and kennel areas
- Work with Visitors and Volunteers to monitor, evaluate and improve visitor, volunteer and intern programs. This includes but is not limited to the evaluation of new engagement opportunities, the interviewing, engaging and evaluation of interns, and providing feedback on existing programs.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Ability to multitask, work well with co-workers, and be a good communicator
- Work with an upbeat, positive and energetic attitude
- Strong desire to work with dogs, previous experience is preferred



- Must be able to work with all dogs, including those with health and behavior concerns, and all sizes and energy levels
- Must be willing to work weekends, evenings, and holidays
- Must be able to professionally advocate Acadiana Animal Aids' position on issues
- Must be able to routinely lift 50 pounds
- Must be able to perform strenuous physical activity including but not limited to; standing, lifting, carrying, stooping, squatting, cleaning and bending for prolonged periods
- Work indoors and outdoors in a variety of weather conditions
- Long exposure on a daily basis to dogs of all temperaments, sizes, and medical conditions
- Honest, willing to work, and in good physical condition

Thank you for your interest in pursuing a career with Acadiana Animal Aid. A.A.A. is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability.