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# Behavior & Training Department

## Offsite Outings

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### Overview

Offsite outings with shelter dogs provide an invaluable amount of stress-relief, mental stimulation, physical exercise, and opportunities to socialize and learn about the dogs' star qualities! Thank you for progressing through the SHELTER NAME Dog Walking training programs and caring for our dogs' physical, emotional, *and* behavioral needs!

### Process

- To participate in offsite outings, you must complete and pass the following trainings:
  - Blue Level Handling
  - Shelter Dog Training & Evaluation
  - Green Level Training & Evaluation
- Select a dog to participate in the offsite outing.
- Pack up your treats, treat pouch, slip lead, and any other needed equipment. *A slip lead will not be used on the outing, but is a helpful tool to have available.*
- Notify a staff member who has immediate access to a computer to



update the dog's Location in Petpoint. *This is very important!*

- Leave your contact information. *You will be contacted to return to the shelter if the dog you have taken on an outing has interested adopters.*
- Outfit the dog in the designated walking equipment, indicated on the kennel card.  
***Do not take dogs offsite in slip leads.*** *Dogs walked in slip leads at the shelter may be walked in a well-fitting collar or harness offsite.*
- Have FUN and take pictures!
- When you return to the shelter, speak with a staff member who has immediate access to a computer to update the dog's Location in Petpoint.



## Safety Guidelines

- Stay within a 15 minute drive from the shelter.
  - Attach a carabiner clip to a collar and the dog's harness.
  - Keep your phone on you!
  - Bring water for you and your shelter dog.
  - Ensure that someone always knows where you are going on your outing.
    - Have these shelter phone numbers programmed into your phone in case of an emergency:

When the Adoption Center is **OPEN:** XXX-XXX-XXXX

When the Adoption Center is **CLOSED:** XXX-XXX-XXXX

## Locations

Select an outing location that would be suitable for the shelter dog you are taking. Stay within about **15 minutes** of the shelter. This best accommodates interested adopters that are waiting to meet dogs that have gone on outings.

Here are some popular outing locations near the shelter:

- NAME OF Park
- NAME OF Park
- Petsmart
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Downtown NAME
- SHELTER NAME's surrounding neighborhoods



## Other Tips

- Many of our volunteers participate in a large, group outing called a Pack Walk on Wednesday and Sundays! *Pack Walks offer a great opportunity to learn from experienced volunteers who frequently go on offsite outings.*
- Post your offsite outing adventures on your personal social media accounts and the SHELTER NAME Dog Volunteer page! Photos and video may be used in social media, marketing, and adoption promotions. *Your picture could be the reason a shelter dog gets adopted!*
- Please contact BEHAVIOR DEPARTMENT AT CONTACT INFO with any questions about this information.
- Happy training!