

Intermediate Dog Volunteer Expectations

- **BE SAFE!** - This means being aware of your body, how you're interacting with dogs, being aware of your surroundings, and knowing when to ask for help!
- Understanding and following all of the SHELTER NAME's humane training philosophies and guidelines.
- Understanding basic training terminology, such as positive/negative reinforcement, positive/negative punishment, marker words, shaping, etc.
- Understanding the problem behaviors exhibited by green dogs, such as over-arousal, leash reactivity, barrier aggression, and dog reactivity
- Being able to identify these problem behaviors in dogs
- Implementing the proper training protocols when dealing with these problem behaviors (i.e. impulse control exercises for over-arousal dogs)
- Exercising safety when handling dogs with problem behaviors (i.e. not walking a leash reactive dog near other dogs, keeping them on a short, controlled leash, identifying body language that the dog is stressed)
- Confident and comfortable in their ability to handle green dogs