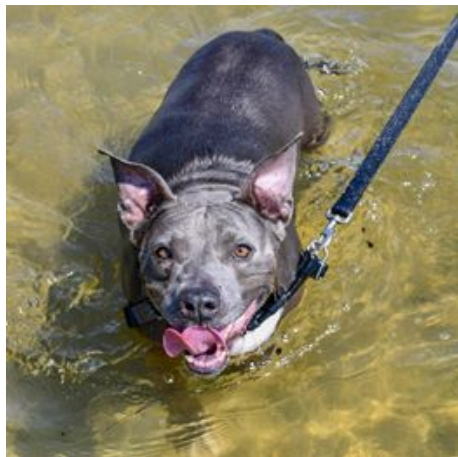# Dog Volunteer Meeting

July 2019

Thank you!

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Proactive care vs reactive care

- Playgroups
- In-kennel enrichment
- Basic obedience foundation
- Offsite outings

- Reactivity & aggression
- Stereotypical behaviors
- Lack of obedience
- Increased stress levels

Every dog, every day

How can we make this happen?

Expectations

Set an example.

- Exercise defensive handling techniques
- Remain open to coaching from others. *We are all always learning!*
- If you see something, say something!
- Beat the heat by training in the RLR, Volunteer Center, Enrichment Room, Palestra Center, Behavior Office, or offsite.
- *Thank you Mentors and Pack Walkers!*

Document all session notes.

- All constructive interactions should be documented
- Care Activities
- Memos
- *Care activities quantify the work that we do! This data is presented to the Board of Directors monthly.*
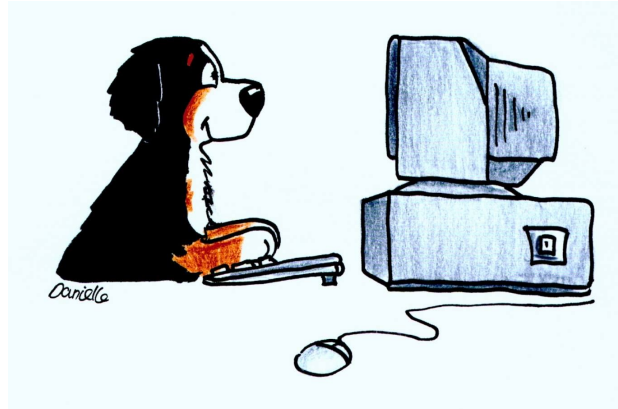
Conduct kennel exercises.

- Train automatic sits and downs on your approach.
- This should be done before every training session, at least.
- Even just a few repetitions are helpful!
- There is a Care Activity called *barrier frustration exercises.*

Provide regular offsite training.

- Frees yards onsite
- Reduces stress levels in the shelter dogs
- Photograph, video, FB Live, etc!
- Meet potential adopters
- Desensitize to novel stimuli

Ensure all long-term dogs have reliable basic obedience.

- Touch
- Sit
- Down
- Come
- Watch me
- Stay
- Wait
- Leave it
- Drop it
- On your bed
- Loose leash walking
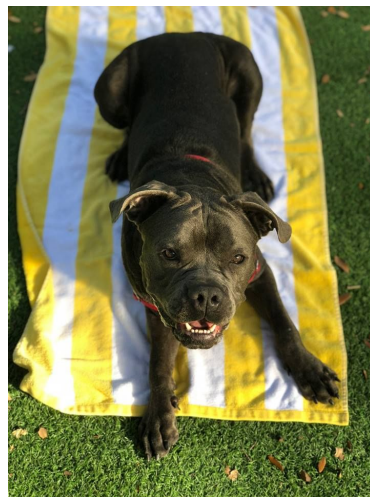
Initiate new playgroup pairings.

- Strive to work with dogs that have not participated in playgroups regularly
- Our goal should be to offer a playgroup OR dog/dog desensitization session to *every dog, every day!*
- <u>This is not occurring at this time.</u> *How can we do better?*

Frequently review communication methods

- Trello
- CORE page
- Petpoint
- Communication Board
- *Are these communication methods effective?*
- *Do you have a preference?*

Current behavior
& training needs

Q&A

Thank you for attending!