



Rules for Dog Walkers

1. **Be 14 years of age or older.** Otherwise, you must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for the animal and able to control him/her.
2. Have a current file which must be opened beforehand by the receptionist.
3. **Present photo ID.**
4. **Reserve the time slot** for the walk **ahead of time** (819 821-4727, ext. 101).
5. Notify the receptionist upon your arrival in order to receive a leash and poop bags.
6. Start by walking the dogs who have not been out yet. (Refer to the chart).
7. Take an active part in our training program: ask the dog to sit and wait until he/she responds to your command before taking him/her out. The aim of this exercise is to teach the dog some basic behaviours for when he/she is out in the public.
8. **At all times** keep the dog on the leash and **under control.**
9. Pick up the dog's poop with the plastic bags that are in the distributor in the adoption room and dispose of them in the outdoor garbage can near the entrance.
10. Respect the time allotted for the walk: **10 to 15 minutes maximum** per animal; this allows a greater number of animals to go out while not hindering their chance at adoption.
11. Take out only one dog at a time, even if you come as a group. Inside the shelter, circulate in small numbers to avoid congestion.
12. **Avoid all contact** with other animals, both inside and outside the shelter.
13. During the walk, do not let the dog chew on the leash or eat anything found on the path.
14. Never yell at a dog. Doing this could confuse him/her.
15. Do not be surprised if some dogs do not respond to their name. The SPA gives each stray dog a name but it takes them a while to be familiar with it.
16. Avoid exerting pressure on the dog's rear end to get him/her to sit. Instead, use treats to entice him/her to sit (ask for some at the reception desk as well as any advice you may need).
17. Never leave the dog with somebody you do not know.
18. **Use the road behind the SPA** (it is forbidden to enter the cemetery). Also, **do not go on Queen-Victoria Boulevard** because traffic could make the dogs nervous.
19. **As soon as you come back, make sure you return the dog to his/her designated cage or pen and write down the outing on the chart** so other volunteers will know which dogs have not been out yet.
20. Wash your hands between dogs.



As a volunteer, you should know that you are very important to the SPA. On behalf of all the dogs who, thanks to you, can get a breath of fresh air and a bit of exercise, we wish to express our appreciation to you for spending your valuable time with them.

Have a nice walk!

