

Volunteers

Thank you for taking the time to look over our volunteering introduction. We're a different rescue in that we are a farm with all the dogs here.. That makes it a little difficult with volunteers with this many dogs (although we have them!). We have a dog pack here - up to 40 dogs at a time which means dog 'lovers' are not useful to us. We need dog 'leaders' - ,people willing to temper their hearts by using their heads, learning dog behaviour from, us. **Also the time it takes to train you is an investment and a cost in OUR TIME so volunteering is an expensive proposition for us if you aren't sure if you want to do it.**

A dog fight is always caused by people - dogs sense weakness and if they feel we are weak they do as they please and like 5 yr olds they make bad decisions and are not capable of making good ones so WE the humans make all decisions.

I need people some mornings on the weekend but mostly during the week in the mornings. What I need more than anything is people who are ON TIME. Paid or not, volunteering is something to put on your resume and to use as a reference.

Do you want a reference who says “good person but always late”? The dogs are on a schedule, we're on a schedule and we have no real use for people who show up late. If you don't drive and rely on parents we aren't able to use you. There is no public transportation and being late cuz of a parent or friend driving you is not acceptable. LATE is not acceptable.

I need people to throw balls AND pick up poop, mop floors and crates. I don't need people who 'can't do this or can't do that', bad backs, wrist or necks.

I need people to leash walk, foster and to drive dogs to vet appts (on sat's the vet is in Orono or brimley & lawrence and Sunday it's brimley & lawrence only) for neutering etc. and to drive to groomers

I also need people occasionally to drive to fort Erie (or buffalo if you have enhanced drivers lic or passport) to help bring rescues here from the states (they have kill shelters so i get a lot of dogs from Ohio who are amazing as well as Canadian dogs too of course) and it's usually 10-15 dogs so a cargo van is available

Benefits of volunteering here - you'll learn more about dog behaviour than you ever wanted to know, you'll learn about homeopathies and also raw diet

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For fostering dogs, they are usually too fat and need to lose weight so walking and a restricted diet is criteria or they are older and un nerved by the activity levels here, people coming & going etc. or problem dogs that need some behavior training and only if you are qualified for that. We need people to make these dogs adoption worthy. To write about them in your home, take pics etc.

Also we are an independent organization and we are not affiliated with or interested in affiliating with other rescues. We don't take or poach volunteers either from other shelters or rescues nor do we use volunteers already working at other shelters or rescues. It's too easy to let out information that is no one else's business like what you learn about behavior, homeopathies, food etc here.

Volunteers HERE frankly are a pain in the butt. The job is not the lovey dovey doggie thing people think it is. Volunteers at shows or our fundraiser, drivers, fosters – these things are needed and valued more than anything.

So if you're still interested let me know!