



THE HUMANE
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Broome County Humane Society Dog Walking Rules & Regulations

We require that you are able to commit to a minimum of 1 hour each week to walk the dogs in order to stay in touch with rules and rotating dogs.

- When arriving at the Humane Society please sign in on the volunteer sign in/out sheet located in the lobby.
- Leashes are kept to the right when you first enter the kennel. Please return all leashes when you are done walking unless you have brought one of your own. (Prior approval needed from Shelter Manager).
- Be aware staff may advise which leash type is best for a specific dog.
- Only one dog should be taken in/out of the kennel area at a time in case a dog gets away from a person when being taken in or out.
- When approaching the cage take note to the dog's behavior and approaching accordingly and cautiously.
- When preparing to get the dog out of the cage keep your knee to the cage door, reach in for the collar to snap on the lead and/or slip the lead over the dog's neck. Step into the cage to make sure everything is secure.
- Make sure no other dogs are being walked through the kennel as you prepare to step out of the cage.
- Keep your dog on a SHORT LEASH while walking through the kennel. Always use two hands on the leash when walking in the kennel or around another dog. Keep the dog at your side and use good "heel" practices. Your lead hand should have the leash come up through the bottom of our hand and be roughly 3-4 inches from the scruff of the dog's neck. Extra lead should be held in your non lead hand with one wrap around your wrist.
- Always yell "clear" as you plan to go through all doors to alert other walkers that may be nearby.
- Grab 1-2 poop bags as you are walking to exit the building. Poop bags are located by each exit doorway. You MUST CLEAN UP ALL POOP!
- Stay 20 feet away from other dogs at all times unless given permission to be walking a dog with a partner.
- When picking up poop please watch for diarrhea, worms, blood or straining to pee. If seen, tell staff.
- Please keep all dogs away from woodchuck holes and blue flags that are left by NYSDEC. Traps have been set in these areas and we do not want the dogs to get hurt.
- Never allow the dogs to drink from puddles or go into brush.
- Please stick to the designated walking locations.
- When returning to the kennels practice all safety protocols as addressed above. Please remember to snap the safety latch on the dogs kennel before leaving.
- Initial the dog walking list that the dog has been walked.
- Return name tag to bucket when you are done and sign out at the volunteer sign-in/out sheet.
- For everyone's safety please stick to the dog color you have been assigned to.
- Consult management when you are ready to advance to new walking level.

I have understood the information provided and will abide by all rules and regulations set forth by The Broome County Humane Society.

NAME

DATE