



### Dog Walker Role Description

#### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

**Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 1-5pm; Friday: 1-6pm; Saturday: 10am-3pm**

Dog walkers at NCAL provide exercise and enrichment for in house dogs. Leash walks are the main form of exercise for NCAL dogs and it is important for their health and wellbeing during their stay to go out on walks as much as possible! There are also basic obedience training opportunities to help NCAL dogs learn skills like leash walking, healing, staying, and sitting. This enrichment can shorten their stay and help dogs become more adoptable.

#### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

- Walking and socializing NCAL dogs during the scheduled walk times
- Socializing NCAL dogs and helping them destress with positive interactions
- Monitoring behavior and medical needs on daily log and notifying staff members
- Communicating with staff members about certain dog behaviors you have encountered and any additional training you may need
- Other responsibilities as directed

#### **Skills Needed:**

- Ability to stand and walk for long periods of time
- Comfortable with animal handling
- Ability to commit to a regular schedule
- Comfortable lifting over 20lbs
- Comfortable handling cleaning agents and organic matter
- Ability to follow directions
- Friendly and warm personality
- Must be 16 years and older (young people aged 16-18 need to have their parent complete a waiver)

**\*\*All animal care volunteers MUST comply with NCAL's confidentiality policy\*\***