

FAMD Service Day
Morning Dog Walking & Cleaning

Thank you so much for your interest in supporting the staff and animals at Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD)! Corporate and other service groups assist with walking dogs, morning cleaning, and other projects. Our facility is comfortable with a service group of 6-10 participants, but please let us know if you have a larger group.

A few participant requirements are:

1. For this program, volunteers must be 16 years or older.
2. Before working in the shelter, all participants must sign FAMD's volunteer waiver/hold harmless agreement. Participants under 16 years old also require a parent signature.
3. Volunteers must be comfortable working with dogs of all breeds, sizes, and ages. The majority of the dogs in our care are medium to large mixed breeds and tend to pull a bit. Handling techniques will be taught, but volunteers must have some physical ability to handle large dogs.
4. Volunteers are encouraged to wear clothes they wouldn't mind getting dirty and should come prepared to clean the shelter including animal enclosures, hallways, public spaces, bathrooms, and meeting rooms.
5. All volunteers must wear long pants and closed toe shoes. Necklaces, headphones, or other dangling jewelry should not be worn.
6. All participants must arrive on time as important safety information is shared first. Participants who are 10 minutes or more late will not be allowed to handle animals.

Typically service days are scheduled for 3-8 hours. For service days longer than 3 hours, participants will have the opportunity for a lunch break from 11am-12pm. Lunch will not be provided by FAMD.

- 8am: Arrive at animal shelter
Shelter tour & dog handling training
- 8:45am: Split into two groups. Group 1 will assist kennel staff with cage cleaning.
Group 2 will walk dogs outside.
- 9:30am: Switch groups, continue cleaning and dog walking.
- 10:15am: Clean general areas & restock supplies
- 11am: Depart or lunch break. If groups have scheduled a service day for more than 3 hours, they must take a 1 hour lunch break from 11am-12pm.
- 12-5pm: Cleaning and organizing storage spaces, landscaping, deep cleaning animal & staff areas, washing windows, afternoon feeding, and other tasks as needed.

FAMD would love to host your service group! Please contact the Volunteer Department at Volunteers@MetroDetroitAnimals.org with any questions and to set a date!