

# Dog Walking Rules

## When Arriving:

- 1) Sign the Volunteer Sign-In Book. This information allows us to obtain grants by demonstrating our community involvement.
- 2) Check the volunteer board for any new messages.  
If you are a new walker or haven't walked for a time introduce yourself to Beth or the office staff and ask where they want you to walk or help.
- 3) Please close all doors and gates behind you.

## Walking:

- 1) Walk dogs that you are comfortable with. Dogs are color coded: Green: easy dog, anyone can walk. Yellow: medium difficulty dog, may pull or not get along with other dogs. Red: stop and ask staff before walking, dog may have medical issues (bad hips), or be very strong to walk. Dogs who have recently had surgery or are not feeling well will have "DO NOT WALK" signs on crates or cages.
- 2) If you are walking while the shelter is being cleaned, work with a kennel staff member and ask who they would like you to walk next. When walking an area, try to complete it before going to another area.
- 3) Before walking make sure your dog has a martingale collar on, and wrap the leash around your hand/wrist to prevent dogs from escaping!
- 4) Kneel down to clip the leashes on; do not lean over the dog. Leaning over dogs can be misunderstood by some dogs as aggression.
- 5) When taking a dog from a crate, if any papers come out of the crate, put them back in to help us keep it neat.
- 6) Keep the dog close to you and away from the other dogs in the cages.

## Walking (continued):

- 7) Stop and look before proceeding into the two blind spots – coming out of (or going into) the back kennel, and going out (or coming in) the side door.
- 8) When walking the back kennel or the feed room, please enter and exit by the side door. When walking the front two rooms, please exit by the front door.
- 9) Do not allow dogs to pee on vehicle tires.
- 10) To avoid dog fights, do not allow dogs close enough to touch noses.
- 11) Help train dogs' manners for their new families: if they jump on you, do not encourage it but say "no!" and walk away.
- 12) If your dog poops, please use your preferred method to pick up: pooper scoopers, cat scoopers or plastic bags. Please pick up any poop that you see. This will prevent someone from stepping in it and allow us to keep our walking privilege in the field. When finished, wash the pooper scoopers in the outside bucket and hang on the hook, and wash cat scoops in the feed room sink and return to volunteer area.
- 13) To help the other walkers on busy walk days use the clips. Place them in a spot where a walker is sure to see them and away from the inquisitive nose of the dogs so they can't chew on them. After the dogs are walked please collect all clips and return them to the tin.
- 14) If a dog gets loose, alert other walkers. Do not chase the dog or it might become a game. You can try running away from the dog or sit down to see if he/she will come to you.

## Before Leaving:

- 1) There's an Issues Book by the Sign-In Book. If you see any animal issues such as worms, bloody stool or limping, make a note so that the staff can follow up with it later. Report it to the worker for whom you are walking.
- 2) If you are the last walker, tie up the plastic bag in the bucket near the plant and dispose of in the dumpster.
- 3) Please sign out before leaving.

## Other:

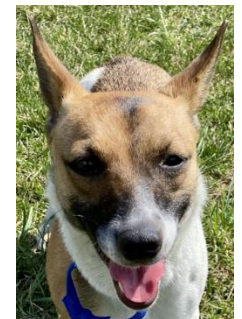
- 1) If you have a question about an animal talk to a staff member. Serious questions should be directed to Bethann.
- 2) When a member of the public is visiting, smile and say "hi!" If they drop off cans or newspapers, thank them. If they ask about an animal, explain that you are a volunteer and they will need to talk to a staff member.

**If you have any questions about dog walking or volunteering, please contact:**

**Bethann Galbraith**

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## MAKE A DIFFERENCE- VOLUNTEER!



Volunteering as a dog walker at Orphans of the Storm is a meaningful way to make a difference in the lives of homeless dogs.

Volunteer dog walkers provide the added daily exercise; affection and socialization that shelter dogs need to stay healthy, happy and adoptable.

Once the initial orientation and training is completed, dog walkers are welcome to come by the shelter during volunteer hours to walk and play with the dogs.

### Volunteer hours:

Mon, Wed, Thr, Fri: 9am-4pm (\*Nap time 11:30am-1pm)

Tue 9am-6:30pm (\*Nap time 11:30am-1pm)

Sat: 8:30am-2:30pm (\*Nap time 11am-12pm)

Sun: 8am-10:30am

\*No kennel traffic/dog walking

## OUR MISSION

Orphans of the Storm is proud to be a non-profit, volunteer based, no-kill animal shelter dedicated to serving Armstrong County since 1969.

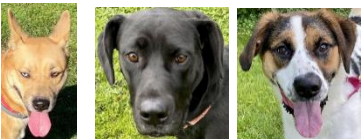
We provide temporary shelter for unwanted and abused animals, while matching lovable animals with loving forever homes.

## DONATE

Our life-saving services depend on contributions from generous people like you!

***We accept PayPal donations online!***

Your tax-deductible donation to Orphans of the Storm will help us save many more homeless cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies—and help them.



### Shelter hours open to the public:

**Mon, Wed, Thr, Fri: 1:00pm-5:00pm**

**Tue 1:00pm-7:00pm**

**Sat: Noon-3:00pm**

**Sundays & holidays: closed**

(Please arrive 1/2 hour before closing for adoptions.)

We are located on Route 85, three miles east of Kittanning.

#### Directions from the South and West:

Follow routes 28/66/422. Remain on 28/66 to end of bypass (stay in right lane.) At traffic signal, turn right onto Route 85. We are about 1/4 mile on the left.

#### Directions from the East:

Follow Route 422 to the intersection with routes 28/66 north. (New Bethlehem and Clarion). Take Routes 28/66 north. Stay in right lane at traffic signal. Turn right onto Route 85 (about one mile to first traffic signal), turn right onto Route 85. We are about 1/4 mile on the left.

#### Directions from the North:

Take Route 28/66 to intersection with Route 85 (traffic signal). Turn left on to Route 85, we are a 1/4 mile on left.

***~Meet some of our cats & kittens up for adoption at Pet Smart—Pittsburgh Mills~***

### View our amazing pets at:

[www.orphansofthestorm-pa.org](http://www.orphansofthestorm-pa.org)

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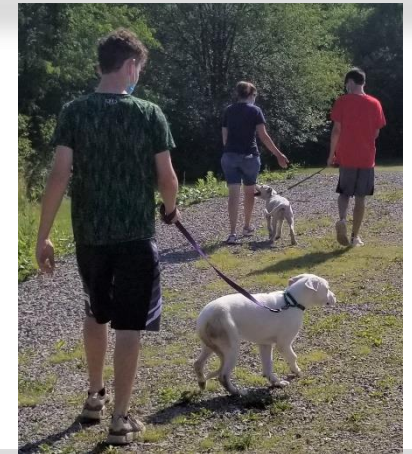
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