

DOG'S DAY OUT HANDBOOK

PCS PUPS DOG RESCUE
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WELCOME!

First and foremost, thank you for gifting your time to our rescue pups! By taking them out on an afternoon adventure, our fosters can exert pent up energy as well as be mentally stimulated to new experiences and people! As a result of a Dog's Day Out, our dogs are less anxious or exuberant when they meet potential adopters and they gain useful life skills like socialization. Another added bonus is that other people who are not likely to come to the rescue are still able to see our available dogs!

GOOD-TO-KNOW PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACTS

general questions:

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p: (706) 204-9051

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

PLEASE CALL (774) 313-0282
AND RETURN DOG IMMEDIATELY

EMERGENCY CLINIC OPTIONS

*TREATMENT MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE/PRIOR TO INITIATION

**CRAWFORD ROAD
ANIMAL HOSPITAL**
(334) 298-3489
3106 US-80 WEST
PHENIX CITY, AL 36870

**AUBURN UNIVERSITY
BAILEY SMALL ANIMAL TEACHING
HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SERVICES**
(334)844-4690
1220 WIRE ROAD
AUBURN, AL 36832

EXAMPLES OF EMERGENCIES THAT NEED IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION:

- Sudden or uncontrollable diarrhea
- Temperatures over 104°F
- Extreme dehydration (if you pinch the skin and it remains tented for 5+ seconds, the eyes may appear to be sunken in, and/or the gums will feel dry or tacky)
- Excessive vomiting or vomiting blood or bile (green or yellow)
- Vomiting combined with diarrhea and lethargy
- Difficulty breathing or very shallow or labored breathing
- Extreme lethargy - dog is barely moving or not moving at all
- Swelling of the face or eyes
- Prolapsed rectum
- Ingestion of something toxic
- Swollen or broken limbs
- Seizures
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Sudden disorientation or incoordination
- Anything else that makes you think that your dog is in pain or in danger

PLAN AHEAD

BEFORE YOU PICK UP YOUR PUP:



EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Remember, we don't know what many of our dogs went through before coming to us. We don't know the details of their past, we don't know how they may have been treated, and we don't know what their living situation once was.

All we do know is what little (if any) information has been provided by a previous owner. While we do make attempt learn and understand the temperament of the fosters that come through PCS Pups, rescue dog personalities can sometimes change as they become more comfortable. So, while we will make every effort to match you with the dog we think will be your best fit, please be aware that there are no guarantees in rescue.



ENSURE THAT AN ADULT WILL BE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES

It is required that the dog always be in the control of an adult over the age of 18 years while on an outing. While we welcome family outings, the leash must always be held by said adult and dogs and children should never be left unsupervised.



IF NEEDED, CONFIRM YOU HAVE SPACE TO SAFELY TRANSPORT THE DOG IN YOUR OWN VEHICLE

If you are transporting your short-term foster in your personal vehicle (even if just a few miles down the road), ready your car with the appropriate amount of space you will need for the dog. Depending on the dog, you may need enough space for a size-appropriate crate, a friend to help contain the dog to the back seat, or a barrier to avoid the dog from getting to the driver and passengers seat.



PLAN TO LEAVE YOUR OWN DOG(S) AT HOME

The goal of our day trips is to give the dog a break from the busy foster home and some one-on-one time with humans. Although most of our shelter dogs do well with other dogs and enjoy doggie playtime, we prefer these field trips be geared towards interacting with humans and not with other dogs. Maintain a twenty foot distance from other dogs while out in public.

PCS Pups is not liable for the treatment or cost of vet bills incurred for your own pets at your private veterinarian.



DO A SAFETY CHECK OF YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY (AREAS THE DOG WILL HAVE ACCESS TO)

If you are planning to bring your short-term foster dog to your own home on his/her Dog's Day Out, please check your fence line and property for holes, loose planks, poisonous plants, foxtails, and dangerous household items.

Even if you have/had a dog that has never gotten loose, please don't assume that your property is secure. Dogs (especially former stray dogs) are not just resilient—they are magical and mystical Houdini's .

The team at PCS Pups will provide you with a leash, collar, ID tag, doggy seatbelt, poop bags, water bottle, water bowl, crate if needed, some business cards, and whatever else you may need!

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what kinds of things can we do?

take a walk in the sunshine!

explore a new hiking trail together.

binge-watch your favorite netflix show while eating peanut butter straight from the jar.

just no dog parks, please.

and how long should this last?

anywhere from an hour to the entire weekend!

whether you spend the afternoon at the lake or napping together on the couch, any **dog's day out** gives our pups a chance for enrichment and socialization.

plus, you end up with a new bff... and all of the dog-breath-kisses you could ever ask for.

WHAT CAN MY NEW BFF AND I DO ON OUR DAY OUT?

Our Dog's Day Out program is an incredible way for our pups to receive some one-on-one attention, relieve stress, exercise, and continue working on their socialization skills.

- Take a stroll in the park
- Go for an afternoon hike
- Explore a new trail
- Play in your backyard
- Have a movie marathon on your couch
- Take a long nap
- Go to a local pond or lake
- Enjoy an outdoor meal or coffee at a dog-friendly cafe
- Pick out a toy at Petco
- Indulge in a pup-cup from your favorite coffee or ice cream shop
- Hang out with your other dog-loving friends to help socialize your pup

WHAT CAN'T WE DO?

We ask that you abide by our request that dogs stay on leash whenever outside and are not introduced to other dogs.

- Go to a dog park or any similar area where dogs are unleashed
- Leave the dog unsupervised or in the care of a minor
- Give away or attempt to give away the dog while in your care

WHAT TO DO IF...

THE DOG GETS LOOSE OR ESCAPES

Sometimes—despite our best intentions—a dog will get loose. Please try not to panic. If you can see the dog, try calling them. Some of our more social guests may come right to you, but very often even social dogs get frightened once they get loose. You may be more successful calling them to get their attention and then walking the opposite direction, kneeling down, and digging in the dirt like you've just found something extremely interesting. Reaching for a scared dog will often cause them to bolt and can also result in a bite, so please use caution and only reach for the dog if you feel you can safely do so. If the dog is in an area that is secured but is so scared that they are growling at you, please call us so that we can help!

If the dog is already in a flat out run and is panicked, they may not respond to you at all. Please try following them from a distance so that you can see the direction they are going and hopefully catch up to them once they have slowed down. If they enter a yard, garage, etc., please secure the area to make sure they can't bolt again before attempting to lure them to you. We understand that every circumstance is different and that luring your dog to you may not be possible, please call us if this is the case.

A BITE OCCURS

If the dog bites anyone (including you), we need to know right away.

If the dog bites a stranger, please take all of their information so that we can contact them to fill out the appropriate paperwork. We will need you to document the details of what happened as well as the location and severity of the wound. We are required by law to report any bites that break skin to the appropriate animal control agency. We will also need to follow state laws for quarantine. A bite is not an automatic reason for euthanasia, so please do not hesitate reporting it. If you are seeing any signs of aggression, even if it is very minor, please contact us immediately.

SOMEONE IS INTERESTED IN ADOPTING

If you encounter someone who is interested in adopting or learning more about the dog you are with, please give them our business card so that they can follow up with us! You can also direct them to our website or social media accounts. If they seem truly interested, please contact Paige in real-time so she can continue to conversation with the potential adopter.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- All PCS Pups dogs that are eligible to participate are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up to date on vaccines
- Dogs with behavioral concerns or a history of reactivity will not be available for participation in the Dog's Day Out program
- You will be provided with all supplies needed, including but not limited to, a leash, harness, and an “adopt-me” indicator for the dog you choose

AS A PARTICIPANT, YOU MUST AGREE TO:

- Keep the dog under YOUR supervision at all times
- Never leave children unattended with any dog
- Never allow a minor to hold the leash or be in physical control of the dog
- Inform us if the dog bites anyone (including you) immediately
- Participating dogs MUST remain on leash at all times, unless in a enclosed area of your home or a private fenced-in yard.
- Maintain a twenty foot distance from other dogs while walking or in public
- Do not take the dog to off-leash dog areas, dog parks, or do dog introductions while on your trip
- Pick up and return the dog at the agreed upon times
- Transport the dog in a safe manner by either being in a crate or safely restrained in a back seat
- Report any behavioral; or medical concerns to the PCS Pups team
- Keep the dog safe by providing adequate rest, shade, shelter and water
- Utilize only positive reinforcement training (do not verbally or physically punish the dog)
- Have a cell phone with you at all times that can be used to contact you
- Present the dog in a positive way to potential adopters and members of the public at all times



SHARE YOUR ADVENTURES

One of the most important and helpful things you can do on your Dog's Day Out is send us lots of pictures, videos, and stories from your adventures. The attention and endless fun of Dog's Day Out really allows our pups' personalities to shine. Capturing pictures and videos to be shared on our pages is the absolute best way for potential adopters to connect with our dogs before actually meeting them. The majority of our adoptions occur after a dog is shared on social media.

Depending on the dog, we may also ask for your assistance in revamping his or her biography after your outing so that we attract the right forever family. The information that our fosters and volunteers gather and share is truly invaluable.

Pictures, videos, and notes can be sent to hello@pcspups.org.

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VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

Thank you for your interest in the PCS Pups Dog's Day Out program. Dog's Day Out is a unique program that allows volunteers to take shelter dogs for a day-long or overnight outing. By participating in the Dog's Day Out program, I agree to the following:

I understand that volunteering with PCS Pups may require me to come in contact with animals, and that there are risks associated with my volunteer activities, including but not limited to dog bites and/or scratches. I assume the risks and accept personal liability for any damages that might occur as a result of my volunteer activities. I HEREBY IRREVOCABLY RELEASE PCS PUPS, AND (2) ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND VOLUNTEERS (collectively referred to as "Released Parties") FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS I MAY HAVE, OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ACCRUE TO ME, AGAINST RELEASED PARTIES FOR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, AND ALL PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS, ARISING OUT OF MY VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY WITH PCS PUPS.

I hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold the Released Parties harmless from any and all liability, losses, damages, judgments, or expenses, including attorneys' fees, that the Released Parties may sustain in connection with any third party claims that arise out of my volunteer activities, whether such volunteer activities occur on PCS Pups' premises, at my home, or elsewhere.

I UNDERSTAND THAT PCS PUPS DOES NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR OR OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR OTHER ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO MEDICAL, HEALTH, OR DISABILITY INSURANCE OF ANY NATURE IN THE EVENT OF MY INJURY, ILLNESS, OR DEATH, OR DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF MY PROPERTY. I UNDERSTAND THAT PCS PUPS DOES NOT PROVIDE WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR VOLUNTEERS. AND HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVER ANY CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION OR LIABILITY ON THE PART OF PCS PUPS IN THE EVENT OF ANY INJURY OR MEDICAL EXPENSE.

I agree that if I volunteer to transport any PCS Pups animal(s) in my personal vehicle for any purpose, I will 1) maintain at least the state-required minimum amounts of automobile insurance on the vehicle, and 2) release, indemnify and hold the Released Parties harmless from any claims arising from and/or related in any way to such animal's presence in my vehicle.

I acknowledge and understand that I am a volunteer of PCS Pups. I am not eligible for PCS Pups' Workers' Compensation or any other type of compensation or employee benefit in connection with my volunteer activities.

By using the PCS Pups tags or the #doggydayout hashtag in the images and other content I post on my social media accounts related to my volunteer activities, I hereby grant PCS Pups and Humane Society Silicon Valley d/b/a Mutual Rescue a non-exclusive, fully paid, worldwide, perpetual license to use, modify, publicly perform, publicly display, and reproduce my photographs, name, and likeness solely for marketing and promotional purposes.

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VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT AND RELEASE, continued

I certify that I am 18 years of age or older. I have received and read PCS Pups' current version of the Dog's Day Out Manual and agree to abide by its requirements and guidelines. Further, I specifically agree to the following:

1. To care for and treat humanely any dog given to me.
2. To keep the dog on leash unless confined in my home or securely fenced yard.
3. To use reasonable care to ensure the safety and well-being of the dog in my care, the safety of other dogs, and the people the dog comes into contact with.
4. To contact PCS Pups if the dog exhibits symptoms that indicate a serious condition. Please see PCS Pups' Dog's Day Out Manual for examples of potential emergencies.
5. To keep the dog under my direct supervision at all times during the volunteer activity.
6. To immediately notify PCS Pups in the event of a missing or injured dog, if the dog bites any person or animal, or any other injury or accident that I witness or experience resulting from my volunteer activities.
7. That all dogs are the property of PCS Pups and shall not be sold, given away, or adopted out without prior approval of PCS Pups' authorized personnel.
8. To provide any change of my personal information, such as name, address, or phone number.

I understand that this Dog's Day Out Volunteer Agreement and Release is binding on my heirs, assigns and legal representatives. This Dog's Day Out Volunteer Agreement and Release form is executed by me voluntarily and without reliance upon any representation by any person.

By signing below, I acknowledge and represent that I have read and understood the foregoing release, agree to it voluntarily, and agree to the indemnity and waiver of liability above.

Name of Foster Applicant (Please Print)

Signature of Foster Applicant

Date

THANK YOU!

Dog's Day Out is our favorite program ever!

Please know that not only are you making a massive difference in the day-to-day lives of our pups, but your pictures, videos, and stories are also helping their perfect forever families to find them!

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