



# Dog Behavior Modification Volunteer

## Why volunteer with the Behavior Modification Squad?

The ARL's Dog Behavior Modification Squad (D-MOD Squad) is a behavior modification program for dogs that are in need of one-on-one, in depth behavioral help prior to finding placement with either a foster home or forever family. As a volunteer with the D-MOD Squad, you will be helping dogs with behavioral challenges get the training and extra attention they need to be the best versions of themselves. This position is incredibly important to the dogs in our care and it is very rewarding for volunteers to witness the growth and improvement of the dogs that participate in this program. Volunteers will be trained on how to read canine body language, they will learn training methodology and principles, as well as how to work with difficult dogs.

## Duties and Responsibilities

- Perform shelter enrichment protocols to enrich the dogs five senses
- Assist in stress reduction of the dogs by doing Click to Calm and providing kennel enrichment and one-on-one interaction
- Perform behavior modification protocols to change the emotional state of individual dogs

## Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must be able to commit to volunteering a minimum of four hours a week
- Must be able to be on your feet for long periods at a time
- Must be able to work in challenging and fast paced environments

## Shifts

- Shift times are flexible and will be scheduled with the Director of Behavior and Enrichment

## Training

- Prerequisite interview with Director of Behavior or Canine Behavior Coordinator
- Skills evaluation
- On-going training will be provided

## HOW TO APPLY

**Current Volunteers:** email [voluteer@arl-iowa.org](mailto:voluteer@arl-iowa.org)

**New Volunteers:** will need to complete new volunteer onboarding process

## Skills (preferred, but not required)

- Dog handling and training experience
- Basic understanding of canine communication