



# Tails on Trails Volunteer

## Why become a Tails on Trails volunteer?

Dog Walkers provide enrichment and exercise to the adoptable dogs at the ARL, and having a break from the shelter is hugely beneficial for the dogs in our care! Providing them with plenty of exercise and excitement in the morning will help them be on their best behavior when meeting potential adopters throughout the day!

## Duties and Responsibilities

- Collar and leash dogs, put an “adopt me” harness on the dog
- Put Tails on Trails sign up on the dog’s kennel and fill out check-in/check-out sheet to indicate the dog is out of the shelter and on a trail
- Transport dog to a park or trail for a long walk
- Speak to members of the public about the adoptable dog and about the ARL’s adoption process
- Transport dog back to the ARL before we open to the public (12pm on weekdays or 10am on weekends)
- Put dog back in their kennel, removing Tails on Trails sign and ensuring they have plenty of water
- Wash toys, put collars, treats, etc back in the adoption kitchen
- Spot clean dog kennels when necessary

## Requirements

- Must be able to handle medium to large size dogs
- Must have a valid Driver’s License and submit a copy to the volunteer coordinator at onboarding

## Shifts

- Volunteers must sign up for shifts a minimum of 12 hours in advance
- Shift times:
  - Monday-Friday 7-9am, 9-11am
  - Saturday-Sunday 8-10 am

## Training

- Volunteers will need to complete 2 dog kennel cleaning shifts before they can walk dogs and take them off site. **Dog kennel cleaning training shifts take place every Wednesday from 10am-12pm.**
- Volunteers will need additional training in the adoption area on how to get a dog ready for Tails on Trails

## HOW TO APPLY

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

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

## Skills (preferred, but not required)

- Basic dog handling skills
- Basic understanding of canine behavior
- Taking initiative when kennels are dirty