



# Dog's Day Out Program



Thank You for gifting your time to our shelter dogs! By taking them out for just a few hours a day, our dogs get the much needed exercise and mental stimulation of new experiences and people. As a result of Dogs Day Out, our dogs are less anxious and are able to meet potential adopters and we gain a wonderful insight on how they are outside of the shelter setting. Thanks for making a difference.

## Program Overview

The Dog's Day Out (DDO) program allows an approved member of the public to come and pick up a dog that meets the requirements for the program and take them off the property. The program operates during staff hours: Monday – Saturday from 9 am – 4:30 pm.

### Qualifications:

<p><b>Volunteers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Must be 18 years or older</li> <li>. Have a valid photo ID</li> <li>. Have an approved application on file</li> <li>. Agreed to and signed DDO contract terms and conditions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Animals:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Spayed/neutered</li> <li>. Over the age of 6 months old</li> <li>. The dog must not have any special circumstances, restrictions or had surgery in the last 48 hours.</li> </ul>
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## Guidelines:

- Have the dog under YOUR supervision at all times.
- Never leave children unattended with any dog.
- Inform us if the dog bites anyone (you included) right away.
- Keep the dog on leash unless confined in your home/backyard.
- 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. (Anytime between 9am – 4:30 pm).
- Transport the dog in a safe manner by either having them in a crate or safely restrained in a back seat.
- Report any behavior or medical concerns to the coordinator.
- If the dog picked is heartworm positive, they can only be walked and not allowed to do high energy activities.
- 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 so that you can be contacted while out on trip.
- Present the dog in a positive way to potential adopters and members of the public.
- The dog should be wearing a “adopt me” vest, bandana or leash while out in public.

Know Before You Go

## Before You Pick Up Your Dog

Be prepared for anything. Remember, we do not know what many of these dogs have been through. This includes their past, how they have been treated, what their living situation once was, and most importantly, their true personality. We gather as much information as we can from what we see here at our facility and any information their previous caretaker might be able to provide. We will try our very best to match you with a dog you are comfortable with, but please note that dog may have a different personality once they exit the shelter.

Ready your car with the appropriate amount of space for the dog and size appropriate crate if you have one. If you plan to take the dog home, please check your fence line and property for holes, loose fencing, poisonous plants, foxtails and dangerous household items.

***Please note that the majority of our dogs are young, large breed dogs. We will rarely, have small dogs (under 25 lbs) available to go on a DDO. We sometimes can send calm and or senior dogs on DDOs. If you do not feel like you can handle a young, large breed dog please bring this up with the Coordinator you are speaking with. We will do our best to match a dog you are comfortable with.***

## **Cumberland County Animal Services will provide you with:**

\*Leash \* Collar/Harness \*Poop bags \*Water bottle/bowl \*Adopt me gear Treats

### **What if my dog gets loose/escapes?**

Try not to panic and don't chase. If you can see the dog, try calling or throwing some treats in their direction. The "smellier" the treats, the better. If you have someone with you and are close to home, ask them to get something of high value to the dog such as hotdogs, deli meat so help lure the dog to you. Some of our more social guests will come right to you, but even the most social dogs may be 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 interesting. Reaching for a scared dog will often cause them to bolt and can 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 showing signs of fear (such as growling), please call us so we can help! If the dog is running and panicked, they may not respond to you at all. Please try following them from a distance so you can see the direction they are going and hopefully catch up to them once they slow down. If they enter an area you can secure please secure the area 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!

### **Dog Bites**

If the dog bites anyone (you included) we need to know right away. If the dog bites a stranger, please take all their information so that we can contact them to fill out the appropriate paperwork. We will need you to document what happened, the location and severity of the wound. We are required by law to report any bites that break skin to Animal Services and must follow state laws for quarantine. A bite is not an automatic reason for euthanasia, so please do not hesitate to report it. If you are seeing any signs of aggression, even if it's minor, please contact the shelter immediately.

### **What if someone is interested in adopting?**

If you encounter someone who is interested in adopting your dog, please notify the Coordinator and get the person's name and number if the person is not able to adopt the dog the same day. If they are ready to take the dog home, you can have the interested party meet you at the shelter and the front desk staff will assist with the adoption process.

### **Ideas for a Dog's Day Out:**

A walk through the park

Watching a movie at home

Coffee at a dog-friendly café

Hiking Trails

A shopping trip to dog-friendly stores

Dog friendly patios

Spa day

Downtown Fayetteville

## Important Phone Numbers and Contacts for Dogs Day Out Program:

CCAS	Volunteer Coordinator	Foster Coordinator
(910) 321-6852	Amanda Organ	Anna Hill
4704 Corporation Drive	(910) 438-4050	(910) 321-6828
Fayetteville NC 28306	<a href="mailto:aorgan@cumberlandcountync.gov">aorgan@cumberlandcountync.gov</a>	<a href="mailto:ahill@cumberlandcountync.gov">ahill@cumberlandcountync.gov</a>

If you have a questions regarding the dog you have checked out for the day please contact the volunteer coordinator via phone or email. If you have medical concerns regarding the dog you have checked out please contact our VetMed team at 910-438-4028.

If you would like to inquire about the opportunity to foster your dog for a sleepover or long term fostering please contact our Foster Coordinator via phone or email for the next steps.

**For Animal Service emergencies, questions or comments please call the main line at (910) 321-6852** for true emergencies call 911.

## Document Your Day

We love to see and hear about your adventures! Taking pictures of your day can help these pups find and awesome forever home. Many of our adoptions occur as a result of the dogs being seen on our website. It is very important that we have adorable photos and if possible a video of your dog. We need your help to make sure your dog is seen as much as possible!

If you post pictures on social media, please tag us in the post.



Cumberland County Animal Services

Use the hashtags: #dogsdayout #CCAS



You can also email photos to the Volunteer or Foster Coordinator:

[aorgan@cumberlandcountync.gov](mailto:aorgan@cumberlandcountync.gov) or [ahill@cumberlandcountync.gov](mailto:ahill@cumberlandcountync.gov)

THANK YOU FOR PARTCIPATING IN DOGS DAY OUT