



Hikes with Hounds Volunteer Procedures

Thank you for your interest in our Hike with a Hound Program. We hope you enjoy spending some quality time with our adoptable animals while hiking along the trails of Burlington's beautiful parks. This enrichment activity will benefit the dogs by allowing them some time away from the shelter in nature, socialization and exercise. The following are some rules and procedures we ask all volunteers to follow:

- **Clothing/Footwear** - Wear clothes that are appropriate for hiking and that you don't mind getting dirty. Please wear closed toe shoes only! **No flip-flops or sandals.** Tee shirts and shorts or jeans are fine, but no tank tops. Clothing must be appropriate for a family environment... nothing too short, revealing, offensive, etc. Please do not wear facial piercings and keep jewelry to a minimum. This is for your protection. .
- Please use common sense when handling the animals and always pay attention to what you are doing! **Avoid creating any situation of conflict between dogs.**
- Keep in mind many of these dogs have probably never had much, if any, obedience and leash training, and have been in these kennels for a while. Some can be a real handful so make sure you have a good grip on the leash!
- Please make every effort to stay on the trails and keep the pace.
- When you encounter other hikers and their dogs, please make an effort to pull your dog off to the side to avoid any possible confrontations.
- Please clean up after your dog! Bags will be provided for this.
- Bug repellent and sunscreen will be your responsibility.
- Please do not bring your personal dog, children or friends.

If you have any questions or need any help during a hike, please ask one of the staff members. Most of all, have fun and thank you for spending some time with our animals!