

DOG DAY OUT PROGRAM



WELCOME PACKET

First and foremost, **THANK YOU** for gifting your time to our fostered rescue dogs! By taking them out for just a few hours, you are helping our temporary residents exert pent up energy as well and get some mental stimulation by experiencing new places and people! As a result of a Doggy Day Out, our dogs are less anxious or exuberant when they meet potential adopters and they gain useful life skills that they wouldn't get from just sitting and waiting in foster care. And, you're helping people meet our available animals!

Without a physical adoption facility, we rely on networking our dogs by word of mouth, adoption events, social media and our website – so **THANK YOU** for helping us continue on our mission!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACTS

For general questions/info/non-emergencies:

tenderheartcharitiesinc@gmail.com

In case of a medical emergency:

Please call Tender Hear Charities Inc. Director Lisa Martin-Manns at (941) 225-9774 and return the dog immediately to the drop off location.

****All visits to the emergency clinic must be approved in advance****

DROP OFF:

Dogs must be returned to Tender Heart Charities within the allotted agreed time. Unless otherwise agreed upon, both pick and up and drop off will occur at Bark Social: 3925 Brown Ave Sarasota, FL 34231

EMERGENCIES THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION:

- Sudden or blowout diarrhea where dog has no control at all
- Temperatures over 104 degrees Fahrenheit
- Extreme dehydration – if you pinch the skin and the skin remains tented for 5 seconds.(The eyes may appear to be sunken in. The gums will feel dry or tacky.)
- Excessive vomiting or vomiting blood or green or yellow bile
- 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 loss of coordination
- Anything else that makes you think that your dog is in pain or in danger of passing away

**Non-emergency concerns can be noted at the time of drop off*

BEFORE YOU PICK UP YOUR DOG:

- Be prepared – they are in a foster based home with no exposure to children or cats so we do not know how they will react. All we do know is what we see in foster care and what little (if any) information their previous owners provided. We try our very best to match you with a dog that we think will do well with you, but your dog may have a very different personality once they are comfortable.
- Ready your car with the appropriate amount of space 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.
- Please plan to leave your own dog at home! The goal of our dog day out trips are to give the dog a break from the shelter and some one on one time with humans. Although most of our foster dogs do well with other dogs and enjoy doggy playtime, we prefer these field trips be geared towards interacting with humans and not with other dogs. Tender Heart Charities Inc. is not liable for the treatment or cost of vet bills incurred for your own pets at your private veterinarian.
- If you plan to take your dog home, 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.

Tender Heart Charities will provide you with: a red volunteer draw string bag containing a water bottle, poop bags, treats, dog business cards & contact information in case of emergency. Harness, leash, 'adopt me' gear are also provided. Please let us know if you will need a crate for transport

IF YOUR DOG GETS LOOSE:

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!

IF A BITE OCCURS:

If the dog bites anyone (you included) 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 what happened and 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 your coordinator immediately.

IF SOMEONE IS INTERESTED IN ADOPTING:

If you encounter someone who is interested in adopting your dog, please give them the dog's business card so that they may follow up with them. In general, the adoption fee for adult dogs is between \$250-\$350 and includes vaccinations, microchipping, spay/neuter surgeries, and transport. The majority of our adoptions occur as a result of the dogs being seen on our social media page. It is very important that we have adorable photos, and if possible a great video of your dog day adventure! Please share these at tenderheartcharitiesinc@gmail.com or by messaging us on Facebook. We need your help to make sure your dog is seen as much as possible!

AS A PARTICIPANT, YOU MUST AGREE TO:

- Have the dog under YOUR supervisor 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 secured 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
- Transport the dog in a safe manner by either being in a crate or safely restrained in a back seat
- Report any behavior or medical concerns to your coordinator
- 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 charged 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

MISSION COMPLETE!

We want to hear all about your adventure! Any pictures and/or videos you send us can be used to help find our dogs awesome forever homes!

If you post pics on social, please tag us:

Facebook: TenderHeartCharities Use the hashtag #THCIDoggydayout

Instagram: @tenderheartcharities Use the hashtag #THCIDoggydayout

You can also send photos to tenderheartcharities@gmail.com

