



# Dog Adoptions Socialization Program

Arlington Animal Services  
Volunteer Training  
Program

# NOTE:

- If volunteers are going to socialize both cats and dogs on the same day they must socialize cats first so as to not stress them out!
  
- THANKS!

# Overview of Resources Used in Developing Protocol and Policy

- Animal Welfare Act – US Code Title 7
- State of Texas Statutes
  - Health and Safety
  - Penal Code
  - Agricultural Code
  - Parks and Wildlife Code
- State of Texas Administrative Code
  - Chapter 169
- Association of Shelter Veterinarians – Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters

# Why the ASV – Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters

- Quoted in Texas Administrative Code 169.26(a)(12)
- Association of Shelter Veterinarians' (ASV) Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters: The ASV Guidelines for Standards of Care were **developed by experts in the field of shelter medicine** to raise the standard of animal care throughout the industry, meeting the needs of each individual animal without losing sight of the needs of the shelter population as a whole. They have been **endorsed by The HSUS, ASPCA, National Animal Control Association (NACA), Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA), National Federation of Humane Societies (NFHS), and other animal welfare organizations.**

# Dog Adoptions Socialization Guidelines

- Socializing Dogs
  - Each Volunteer must sign up on Volunteer Login to socialize dogs
  - Each Volunteer is allowed to take 3 dogs outside per day for socialization
  - Dogs under 16 lbs. must be held on a leash **AT ALL TIMES**
  - Weight of the dogs are found on the kennel card

# Where to Find Weight of the Dog

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**Kennel Card** Tel.: 817-459-5898 | Fax: 817-459-5698



**Tags In Tray**  
Animal ID: A21556146



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**Description:**  
Tags In Tray  
Dog  
Male  
Young Adult (6M to 2Y)

**Intake Info:**  
Intake Date/Time: 11/23/2013 12:00PM

**Boxer/ Hound, Brown/ Black/ Tricolor, Medium 41.90 pound**  
1 y 0 m 16 d , DOB: 11/23/2012 , Currently Altered: Yes  
Short Smooth Coat, Brown Eyes, Semi-erect Ears, Long Tail, Declawed: None  
Collars: Multi Nylon/ , Bitten: No Bite History, Distinguishing Marks: None

Intake Type	Intake Sub Type	Intake Reason
Stray	Public Drop Off	

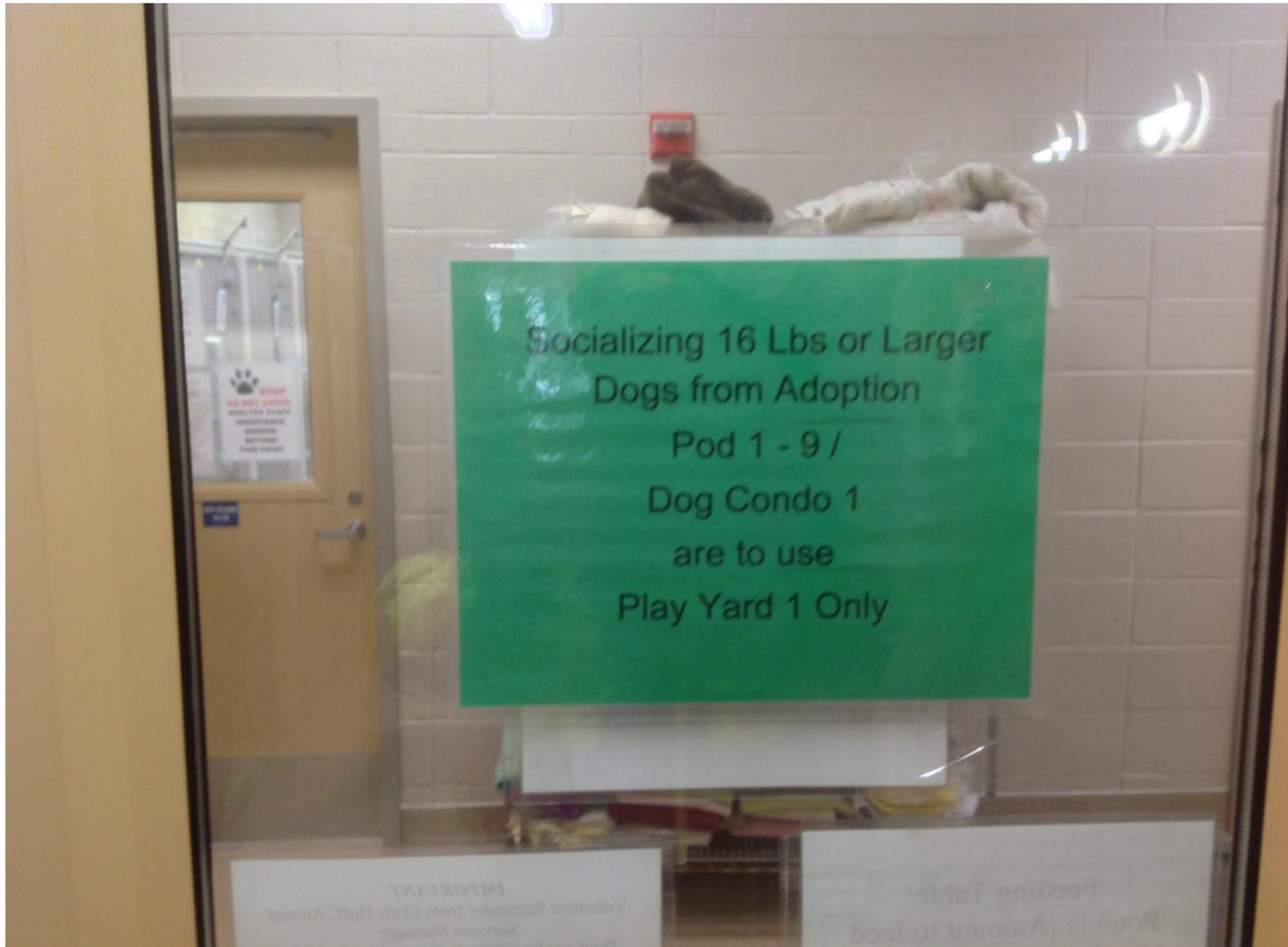
# Dog Adoptions Guidelines

- The three dogs being socialized by each volunteer **MUST** come from the same Pod / Condo Unit
  - Dogs from Adoption Pod 1 – 9 and Dog Condo 1 are to use Play Yard 1 Only
  - Dogs from Adoption Pod 10 – 18 and Dog Condo 2 are to use Play Yard 2 Only
  - Dogs from Adoption Pod 19 – 28 and Dog Condo 3 and 4 are to use Play Yard 3 Only
  - Play Yard 4 Will be used for Adopters and Special Case DH Dogs
- Each Dog is to receive 20 Minutes of Socialization a Day

# Kennel Number inside POD on Kennel



# Signs inside the POD's



# Step By Step Procedures

- Wash hands with soap and water followed up with hand sanitizer between each animal
  - Soap is located at each sink area
  - Hand sanitizer is located at the sink area
  - A good rule is to wash all the way up to your elbows



# Step By Step Procedures

- Place the Laminated sign (located on the clipboard outside the POD) that says “I’m Outside Exercising” **on the inside and outside** of the dog’s information sleeve inside the Adoption Mall
  - If there are no signs, notify the supervisor on duty



# Step by Step Procedures

- Leash and remove the dog from the kennel
  - If there is no leash on the kennel get a new one in the box located by the lobby door
  - NEVER use a leash from another dog's kennel
  - If dog appears to show any signs of illness do not take dog out and notify the supervisor on duty immediately.



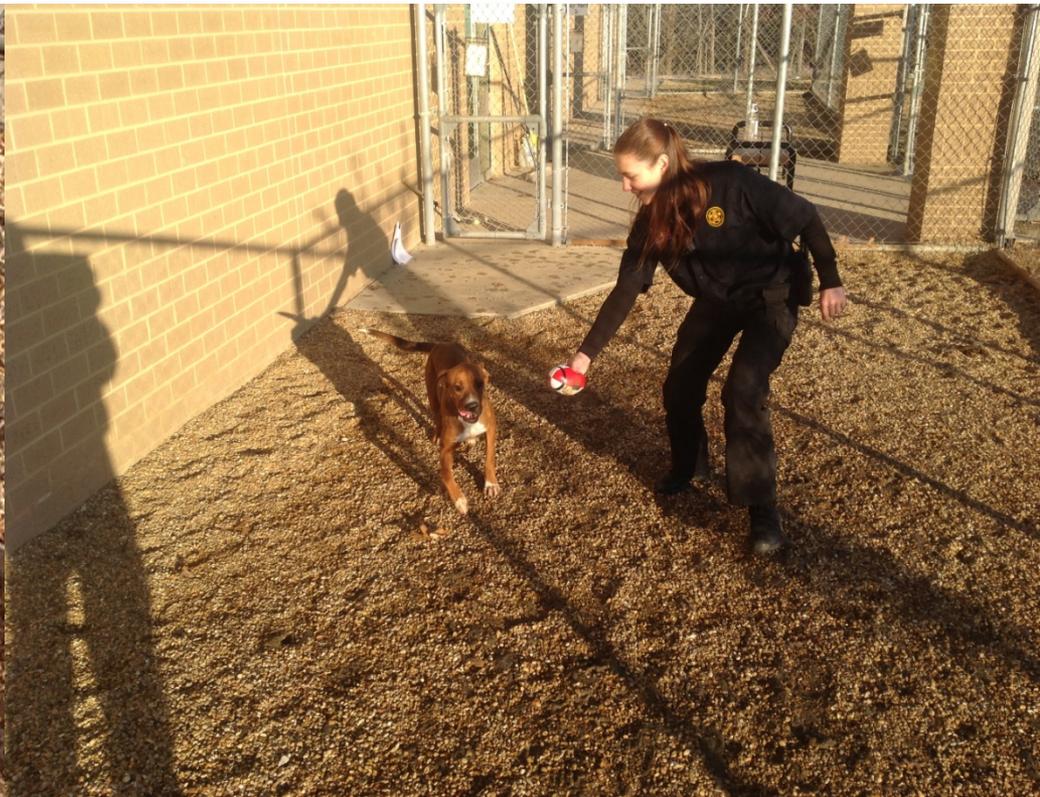
# Step by Step Procedures

- Walk dog to designated outside play area
- Dogs under 16 lbs. may be carried outside in a CLEAN pee pad or towel



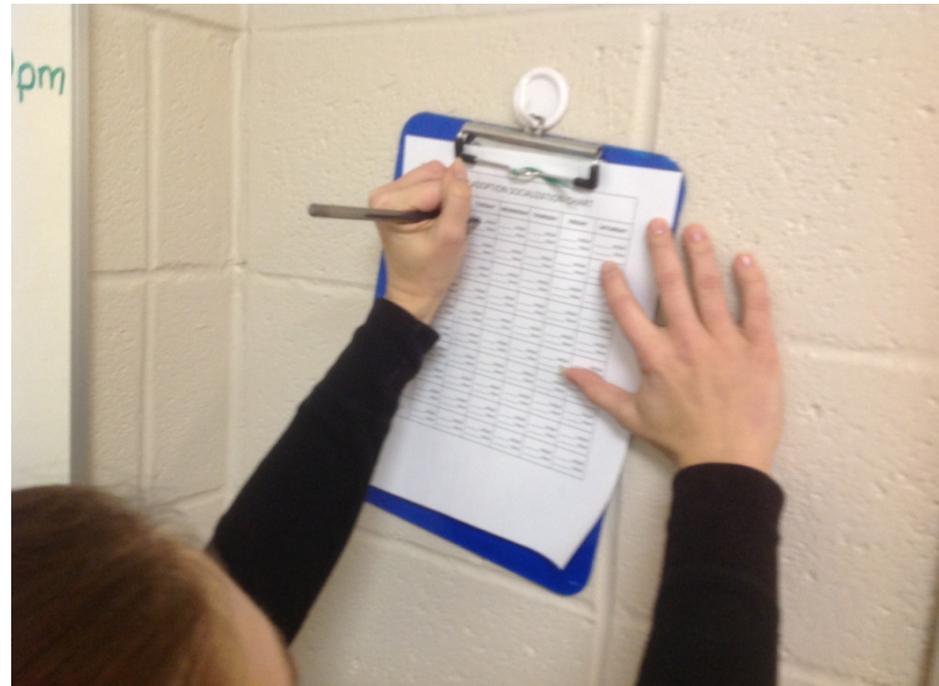
# Step by Step Procedures

- Allow dog to urinate and defecate
- Spend time socializing the dog
  - **Dogs under 16 lbs. MUST be held on leash at ALL Times**



# Step by Step Procedures

- Walk dog back to his kennel
  - If dog was carried in a clean pee pad or towel dog may be carried back in same manner
- Remove clipboard located outside the pod; initial and time stamp the socialization form. Replace the clipboard back to its original place.
  - If there is no form, notify the supervisor on duty



# Step by Step Procedures

- Remove the laminated sign from the adoption mall and place back on clipboard.



# Step by Step Procedures

- Note areas where an animal has defecated and urinated
- Pick up fecal matter with a plastic bag or scoop and throw it in the trash receptacle.
  - Be sure that there is a trash can outside for fecal matter removal
    - If there is no trash can, notify the supervisor on duty
- Wash off any remaining fecal matter from the turf with the water hose
- Spray areas where the animal has urinated and /or defecated with diluted Accel solution pump up container provided.
- Area can be used immediately.
  - **NEVER USE BLEACH**

# Towels / Pee Pads

- If a dog is carried with a clean towel and or pee pad, the towel / pee pad can be:
  - Left with the dog when appropriate
  - Placed in the laundry bucket



# Step by Step Procedures

- Remove the second and third dog and follow the above steps



**MY TURN!**

# Step by Step Procedures

- After completing ALL socialization:
  - Spray the concrete area
  - Volunteers should spray the bottoms of their shoes with the sanitation solution
  - Spray the floor from the play yard to the POD the dog removed from
    - Spraying the floor from the play yard to the POD may be skipped if ALL dog under 16 lbs. was carried in a clean pee pad or towel.



# Step by Step Procedures

- Mop the floor to the POD area
  - If there is not a mop, notify supervisor on duty



# Common Questions about the Socialization Protocol

- Why can't we socialize dogs that are in holding?
  - Animals that stay at a shelter fall into two categories: Short term stay and Long term stay
  - Short Term: 1 – 2 Weeks
  - Long Term: More than two weeks (14 days)
  - Dogs being held in holding are short term and dogs in adoptions are being held long term.

# ASV – Standards of Care pg 35

- For Long term shelter stays, appropriate levels of additional enrichment **MUST** be provided on a daily basis. Long term confinement of any animal, including feral or aggressive animals who cannot be provided with basic care, daily enrichment and exercise without inducing stress is **unacceptable.**

# Answer

- Until we can provide enrichment (socialization) for ALL the dogs in adoptions there is not a need to go into dog holding.

# Common Questions about the Socialization Protocol

- Why can't volunteers work with the aggressive and fearful dogs to help with socialization?



- Answer – COA Legal department states “no” until further notice.

# Common Questions about the Socialization Protocol

- What happens to dogs that were in adoptions then moved back into holding?



- Answer – The Community Services Supervisor or their designee will be responsible for the socialization / enrichment for the dog.



# END

Thank you for volunteering for the City of Arlington's Dog Socialization Program.

Please print the last page of this Power Point, print your name, sign, date and turn in to the Arlington Animal Services Center, Attention: Cheri.

After receipt, you will be placed on the dog socialization approved list.

# Dog Socialization Protocol Acknowledgment



I, \_\_\_\_\_,

(Please Print)

hereby acknowledge and understand the protocol regarding dog socialization. I understand that not following the protocols may result in having my socialization privileges revoked.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date