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Volunteering at an Animal Shelter

Taking care of animals is an important job. Animal shelters are places that take care of animals that are not lucky enough to have a nice, caring home. Animals that have been abused, neglected, or abandoned can have a good life at an animal shelter where people who love animals will take care of them until they are adopted.

The animal shelter is a nice place for animals if it has responsible employees and volunteers. Good employees and volunteers are always working hard and on the move.

My grandmother is a volunteer at an animal shelter. When I go to the shelter with my grandmother, I see many caretakers. There are veterinarians who make sure the animals are healthy. The dog walkers make sure the dogs have plenty of exercise each day so they look nice when they get adopted. Groomers bathe and brush the animals and also make sure they look nice. There are other volunteers who feed the animals each day. Some volunteers are just around to keep the animals company.

If were asked to work at an animal shelter, I think I would be asked to walk the dogs. I think that because I am responsible, nice, and reliable. I wouldn't lose the dogs either. I would treat each dog with respect and courtesy. I would never hurt them in any way and I would try to be as helpful as possible. I would protect the dogs from anything harmful. I would want them to know I am here for them. It is important to always be

respectful and honest so the owners and animals will trust me. I hope they will let me have more responsibility, as I become a better volunteer.

Another job I might be asked to do is feed the animals. If that were my job I would never leave one out. I would never skip a day of feeding or watering the animals. It would be too easy to forget one of the dogs. After a couple of days with out water or food their hunger and thirst will cause them to suffer or die. I would feel very guilty if I was responsible for that.

This is why working or volunteering at an animal shelter is so important. Without people to take care of them, many animals would suffer and die. I really enjoy going to the shelter with my grandmother to feed and play with the dogs. I hope they like me coming too.