



Pups to the Park

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Thank you for your interest in our Pups to the Park program. We hope you enjoy spending some quality time with our adoptable dogs while walking the trails of Burlington County's beautiful parks. This enrichment activity will benefit the dogs by allowing them some time away from the shelter, socialization and exercise. The following are some rules and procedures we ask you to follow:

1. This program is available to active Friends of the Burlington County Animal Shelter ("Friends") dog walking volunteers.
2. A volunteer is permitted to bring only a dog in their walker rating, i.e. green, yellow or blue.
3. Select a dog you have walked a few times at the shelter and are comfortable handling.
4. Wear clothes that are appropriate for walking. Please wear closed toe shoes only. No flip-flops or sandals.
5. Dogs can leave the shelter at 9:30 am. Dogs should be returned any time before 3:30 pm except Thursdays before 6:30 pm.
6. Bring a bowl, water and food, if the dog has not eaten. Dogs are typically fed at the shelter between 10:30 am to 11:30 am. The dog has had a morning feeding if a bowl, empty or with food, is in their kennel.
7. Dogs are permitted to be taken to Long Bridge Park in Hainesport or Smithville Park in Eastampton. Long Bridge Park is recommended for reactive dogs because it is usually less crowded and has wider pathways.
8. Ask an office staff person for a "Pups to the Park" laminated 8.5" x 11" flyer you should place on top of the dog's paperwork on their kennel/clipboard. This ensures staff and volunteers know the dog is at a park.
9. Put an "Adopt Me" vest on the dog. Small/Medium/Large vests are located in a plastic storage drawer organizer on the volunteer station in the shelter lobby.
 10. Write on the dog's yellow activity sheet; your name, park and exit time, e.g. Joe Smith/Buddy/Long Bridge/10 am, etc.
11. Transport the dog in your vehicle in a crate or tie their leash to something to prevent the dog from disturbing driving.
12. If someone wants to pet the shelter dog, allow it as long as you are comfortable in the situation.
13. Please use common sense when handling the dog and always pay attention to what you are doing. Avoid creating any situation of conflict between dogs.
14. When you encounter other people with their dog(s), please take your dog off to the side to avoid any possible confrontations.
15. Please clean up after your dog.
16. Do not bring your personal dog, children or friends.
17. Multiple volunteers can bring multiple dogs to the park. Dogs can be transported separately or together. If two dogs are transported together, one dog must be in a crate.
18. You can make multiple visits to the park the same day, i.e. take and return Spot, then take and return Bella, etc.

If you have any questions please ask one of the staff members. Most of all have fun and thank you for spending time with our pups!