



# LEVEL 1 ADOPTABLE DOG WALKING TRAINING

# Schedule for Today

**Welcome**

**Tour/Tool Practice**

**Walk Dogs**

**Wrap Up**

Cell phones off, please.

# Welcome

Trainer introductions  
Trainee introductions



## Dog Walking – Why?

# The Program & Purpose

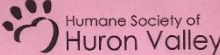
- Reduce stress
- Teach skills
- Promote health
- Socialize
  - Spending time with animals



# Who do we walk?

- Safe body language
- 4 months or older
- Blue or Pink Cage Card
- White cage card with yellow sticker
- Are you comfortable?
- Red Circle dogs first out and last out


DA-02

 Humane Society of  
Huron Valley

Animal ID: A40269649

### Meet Kelpie...

Name: Kelpie  
Age: 3 years  
Gender: Female      Weight: 43 pounds  
Breed: Hound /Terrier, Pit Bull  
Color: White/Black  
Intake: Stray On 11/29/2018



Prefers children over 5yrs

**I'm an active dog that needs lots of play, training and walks.**

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About Kelpie...      Adoption Fee: \$180

Meet Kelpie, a sweet and social lady who is ready to be your best friend! Kelpie is a fun and active dog with a lot to give, and she definitely has an energetic side to her. She would likely love to have access to a lot of different toys and a variety of enrichment in her new home, to keep her busy physically and mentally. Kelpie would also do well with some additional training for manners, and she may prefer to hang out in areas that do not have a large amount of dogs around. Kelpie also needs to go to a home where there are no children under 5, she wants to be the only kid in the house! If Kelpie sounds like she would be a good fit for your home, come meet her today!

Kelpie has heartworm which means that this dog has parasitic worms in the right ventricle of the heart and nearby blood vessels. Heartworm is transmitted from one dog to another by mosquitoes and can be easily prevented using monthly heartworm preventative, but once the disease is contracted the treatment process can be quite intensive. Kelpie will need to remain sedentary with minimal activity during the treatment process to ensure a healthy recovery. There is additional information on heartworm disease and treatment available at our Adoption Desk. Before adoption, I need to meet any doggie siblings.

Microchip ID: 982126052584554

# Who don't we walk?

Just Chillin' Sign  
"Staff Only" box checked



## Just Chillin'

for information see a staff member

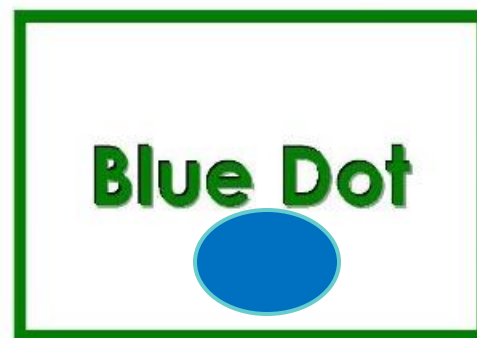
**Staff Only** -or-  **Volunteers OK**

Placed by \_\_\_\_\_  
(staff first name)

Review Date or Time \_\_\_\_\_

# Who Don't We Walk?

- Blue Dot
  - Challenging behaviors
  - Fearful



- Headstart/Staff Only



- White Cage Card with No Yellow Sticker





## Walking and Safety

# Safe Humans

- Choose an appropriate dog. Return them if too challenging.
- No distractions (cell phones, friends, family)



- Emergency? → Immediately inform staff
- Injury? → Immediately inform staff

# Safe Dogs

- No dog introductions.
  - ▣ Nose to nose
  - ▣ Keep distance



- Playground Safety
- Dog gets loose? → Yell “Loose Dog!”
- Dogs start to scuffle? → Immediately get staff

# Tour and Tools

Tour Group (Take a 5 minute Break)	Tool Practice Group
Where do we walk?	How to hold leash
How do we use note and logs?	Leash wrap
Which dogs do we walk first?	Easy Walker Harness
Behavior alert board/note board	

# Walking Tools

- **Animal behaviorists use our notes to decide which tool to use**
  - Consistency is key – use the tools!
- **Tools could include**
  - **Standard leash** (can be used to “step on the leash”) **or Metal Leash** (look for Metal Leash card)
  - Easy Walk harness (attach leash to both collar and harness)
  - Leash wrap
  - Treats provided by HSHV- no outside treats
  - Licki Mat when indicated; use of Peanut butter or spray cheese



Tools stored in bucket or attached to kennel



Licki Mat and Peanut Butter/Spray cheese at dog walker station

# How to hold leash

- ❑ Two hands on leash. Do not wrap around arm.



- ❑ One hand holds handle. Other hand holds further down on leash.

# Walking Tools-Harness

## Easy Walk Harness



Label- left shoulder  
Different color - under belly  
Leash clip - on chest  
Collar - also clipped



Clip leash to collar

# Walking Tools-Leash Wrap



**Leash Wrap**



Loop wrap under dogs belly and through the martingale collar



# Time to Practice/Break Time



- Practice Harness Placement & Leash Wrapping on stuffed dogs
- Take a 5 minute Break

# Entering/Exiting the Kennels

- Be mindful of the “Red Zone”
  - ▣ Do not walk dogs along sidewalk area directly in front of kennels 1-14
  - ▣ Shorten lead to prevent dogs from going “nose to nose”
  - ▣ Be quick and purposeful in the red zone
- Always exit from outside kennel run
  - ▣ Push door in to keep dog inside

# Entering/Exiting-Video



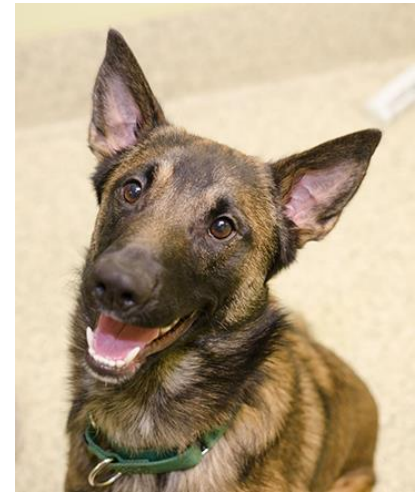
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Before we walk some dogs...

# Dog Walking Best Practices

- At least 20 feet between dogs. Pay attention to other dog walkers and customers.
- Be quick and purposeful in the “red zone”
- Dogs are strong, don’t tug backwards but turn your body.
- Walk trails **before and after** going to the play yards.
- Ignore bad behavior, reward good behavior.



# Dog Walking Best Practices

- If a dog is mouthing....
  - ▣ Offer a stuffed toy (please pick up any toys/balls you see on the trails/play yard)
- If a dog is jumping....
  - ▣ Wait for the dog to calm down, no eye contact or talking
- If a dog is pulling....
  - ▣ Wrap leash around abdomen and thread through martingale loop
- Always NOTE any of these behaviors on Behavior Alert board

# Dog Behavior: The Basics

- When dogs stay in the shelter environment, they can become stressed, nervous, excited or depressed
- While you're working with the dogs, be aware of their stress relieving behaviors – see Body Language of fear in dogs below.
  - Some dogs will be ready to walk when you get to the kennel
  - Other dogs may need you to sit with them for a bit before venturing out- Don't rush! Take the time!

# Dog Behavior Basics: Happy Dog

## □ The happy and content dog that is ready for a walk

I'm ready for a walk!  
See my ears and tail?



My head is up and  
in a normal position.  
My tail is wagging.

I'm being playful. Look  
at my play bow.





# Dog Behavior Basics: Go Slow



I'm nervous and unsure. I am using the wall to feel safe. Give me some time, please.

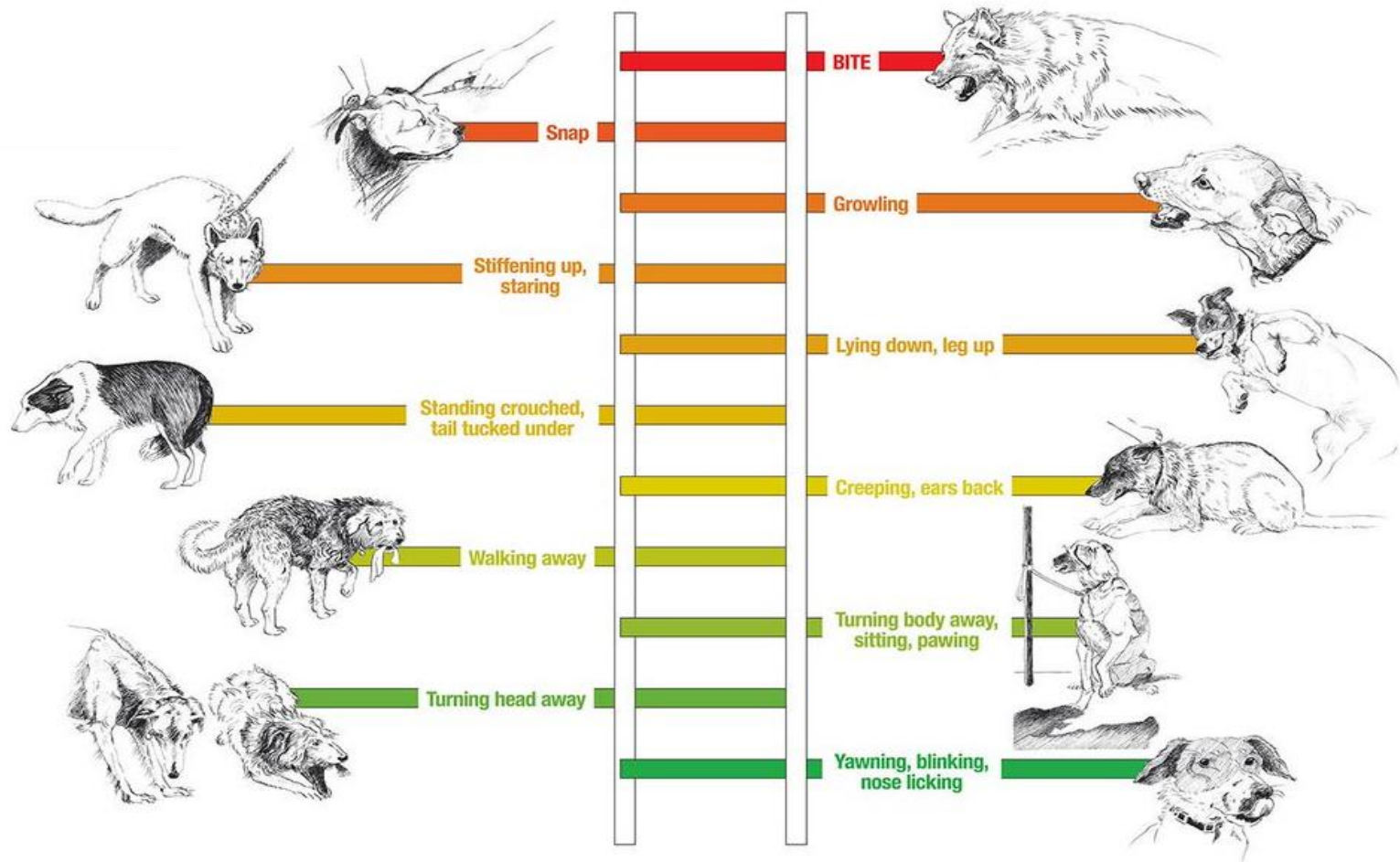


I'm feeling stressed. See my ears and tongue? I need more time to feel comfortable.



We will need more time before our walk

# Communication Ladder -Dogs



# Dog Behavior: Review



- Is this dog ready for a walk?
  - ▣ What specific body language do you see?
  - ▣ How would you respond?

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# Let's Walk Some Dogs!

- Grab your things and let's head down to DogTown!
- Time to practice entering/exiting kennels
- Walk at least 2 dogs





# Welcome back

What came up?  
Best Practices  
Q/A

# Pre-shift set up

- No laundry before.
- Dress for weather. Dress for dirt.
  - ▣ Icy paths
  - ▣ heat
- Closed toe shoes with good traction.
- Use a treat pouch to store treats, poop bags, and toy.





# Keeping Everyone Healthy

- **Fomite** = any inanimate object (as a towel or clothing or dishes or books or toys etc.) that can transmit infectious agents. In a shelter, the humans are the largest transmitter of disease.
- **Wash/Sanitize Hands**
- **Always potential to be exposed to diseases & germs. (i.e parvo, ringworm)**
- **After volunteering be sure to...**
  - Wash clothes in hot water, color-safe bleach.
  - Dry in dryer on highest setting.
  - Wipe down and/or have “shelter only” shoes

# Order of Visitation


## DOG WALKING Sequence – Dog Adoptables & Holding



**FIRST** - ANY dog regardless of health status & stickers

Caveat: if on medication for kennel cough or other contagious issue




Has  URI sign\*\*

– basic walk only; do NOT additionally sit in kennel, snuggle and hug. If you do want to additionally sit in kennel, snuggle and hug, you **must** follow the Visitation Sequence below.

## CAT COMFORTING & DOG/PUPPY VISITATION Sequence




**FIRST** - not sick or being treated for non-contagious medical issue –  
Kittens/Puppies then Cats/Dogs

Healthy/Non-Contagious = NO  URI sign\*\*



**LAST** - on medication for URI, kennel cough or other contagious issue  
Kittens/Puppies then Cats/Dogs



Has  URI sign\*\*

# Scheduling

- Be consistent. Schedule often and before you come in.
- We ask that you commit to at **minimum 4 hours/month**.
- Shifts are available 8am every day through 15 minutes before we close. M-W 6pm; Th-F 7pm; Sa-Sun 5pm
- Holidays 8am-10am.
- Ideally, we like dogs to have 4 walks/breaks per day:
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Walk:** between the hours of 8-10am
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Walk:** between the hours of 10-2pm (10-1pm on weekends)
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Walk:** between the hours of 2-4pm (1-3pm on weekends)
  - **4<sup>th</sup> Walk:** 4-close (3-close on weekend)

# Advancement



There are many opportunities to advance:

- **0 to 10 hours-** Walk adoptable shelter dogs around shelter trails  
Time to learn the basics- leash wraps, harness, choosing the right dogs, who is who with volunteers
  - **10 hours:** Can do the Self-Study Runner training for Play Groups that is posted on the Resource Library Page
  - **NO Blue Dot dogs**
- **20+ hours of dog walking-**Blue Dot Training
  - Leaving for an extended period of time (20+ minutes), tell a shelter shift supervisor
  - Walk down Cherry Hill Road
  - Blue Dot Dog Walking Training
  - K9 Running Club
  - Take our long time residents first
  - Volunteer can do overnight with adoptable dogs (See Foster Care Manager)
- **40 + hours of dog walking-** Holding Training
  - Pack Hikes- Sunday mornings
  - Holding Training
  - Offsite Events/Dog Meet and Greet
  - Can attend a Cat Comforting Training to walk dogs and comfort cats
- **75+ hours of dog walking-** Head Start Dog Walkers (as needed)
  - Preselected dogs to preselected volunteers
  - Pack Hike Captain Training (75+ hours and also trained in blue dot & holding)

# Dog Walker Trainers & Mentors

- In the welcome email that is sent out after training, contact information for dog walking volunteer trainers will be listed.
- You are welcome to contact any trainer on the list if you wish to work with someone as you begin walking.



# Need Anything?

Please come and see anyone from the volunteer department.



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# Behavior Team -- Happy to help

Allison, Jae, Rowan, & Ariel  
Behavior Enrichment Techs



Vikki  
Animal Care &  
Behavior Manager





Thank You!  
For Being a Dog Advocate!

