

Grooming Job Description:

Job Objective: to help with grooming of shelter animals for medical or to get ready for adoptions.



Responsible to: Chief Veterinarian, vet staff, ACA Supervisors, Volunteer Coordinator

Responsibilities can include:

- Safe Pet Handling – do not handle any pet until instructed to do so
- Must be able to identify signs of illness
- Must be able to lift up to 75 pounds
- Follow staff direction
- Supervise the pet to keep it safe on the table or in the tub, and hold large & active pets to keep them safely on the table
- Put dogs into crates and retrieve them from crates
- Restrain a pet
- Walk dogs outside & clean up after them as needed
- Return finished dog to the correct kennel
- Daily set-up tasks - put laundered towels & hoodies away, brush off & oil clipper blades
- Clean/sanitize grooming table, tools & tub between dogs and between prep & finish laundry, take trash to the dumpster, vacuum, wash window, ETC.
- Finish comb out using brush, comb & FURminator
- Nail filing with Dremel grinder, nail clipping on white & black nails, use of styptic powder
- Use of electric clippers to shave body & footpads
- Scissoring of feet, ears, tail & legs
- Sign the essential capabilities along with all the other volunteer forms.
- Able to respect privacy

Qualifications: must have the ability to interact with customers, staff and other volunteers in a courteous and respectful manner even in stressful situations. They must be gentle and patient with animals and provide low stress handling. Must work in a volunteer capacity in one area of the shelter for 20 hours. Must meet with the Chief Veterinarian.

Days and hours needed: ongoing and at the needs of Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center.