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The Windham County Humane Society is implementing a new program and we need your help. Shelters are a difficult place for any dog. They can be loud, scary, and often overwhelming. In order to minimize stress and increase overall wellness, we want the dogs in our care to have more options. We want them to get out of the shelter, for day trips, overnights, and short term foster homes. This program has been carried out with great success in many shelters across the country and the benefits are far-reaching. Many of the dogs that come to us have a history of trauma and the chaotic shelter environment in which they find themselves is not conducive to healing. The longer they stay, the more their mental health can deteriorate. Some dogs do not survive the ordeal. We know that big changes are needed to reverse this nationwide trend. That is why we are overhauling our canine division in order to increase the mental, physical, and emotional welfare of every animal in our care. Please consider donating your time. These dogs need the assistance of our amazing community.

Guidelines and Requirements

Each volunteer will need to complete our Training program. This consists of handling safety, emergency procedures, body language, learning theory, and the trauma-informed approach.

We ask that you get to know the dog with which you'll be working. Come and meet them at the shelter, take them for a walk on our forest trail, play in the enrichment yard, then try a day trip. If that goes well, you'll be able to do an overnight.

We understand that people live in many different settings and not everyone has access to a fenced yard. Dogs outside of physical fences must remain on a long line and harness. We do not allow our dogs to use an underground fence system or any other aversive equipment or methods.