

Volunteer Role Description

At North Richmond Community Health we welcome volunteers who share our vision and want to contribute to our Strategic Priorities 2024-27.

Our Vision is to enhance lives and strengthen community.

Our purpose is to pursue care solutions with a strong focus on addressing health inequity.

Our Strategic Priorities 2024-27 are to:

- Enable affordable and sustainable healthcare solutions that foster connection and community.
- Be a safe place for harm reduction and addiction services.
- Advocate for the rights of the residents of the North Richmond Housing Estate to be respected and upheld.
- Create a thriving organisation and workforce.

The Values we bring to our work are:

- Making a difference •
- Being courageous •
- Working together •
- Embracing diversity •

Volunteer Role Title	Dog Walker
Reports to: (position and name)	Social Inclusion Program Coordinator. Kathriye Strassnick
Hours: (day, shift duration, frequency)	Days and times will be negotiated with successful candidates. Ideally, 1 hour twice weekly.
Location:	Community Locations
Purpose of the role:	Your role will contribute to the Healthy Communities Team and the NRCH Strategic Priority: fostering connection and community. You will do this specifically by: 1. Supporting others to retain and care for their animal companion. 2. Providing additional social connections for clients.
Duties:	Your role will involve: 1. Walking a dog at agreed times regularly each week. 2. Reporting any health or behavioural changes in the animal that you notice to the owner and Program Coordinator. 3. Reporting any incidents of aggression from the dog towards others, animals or people.

	<p>4. Advising the Program Coordinator of any concerns for the owner's well-being or safety. Ensuring that the dog is restrained at all times. Never let the animal off lead or tethered to other objects.</p> <p>6. Picking up dog waste.</p> <p>7. Adhering completely to the guidelines in the Companion Animal Volunteer Handbook.</p> <p>8. Advising the program coordinator if the owner requests you to do other tasks, so that we can refer them to the appropriate service/s.</p> <p>9. Completing an activity report form after each walk and submitting it to the Program Coordinator.</p>
Selection Criteria - Essential	<p>Must have experience with dogs and knowledge of basic dog handling, such as gentle restraining, verbal commands.</p> <p>Physical strength and fitness to meet the dog's walking speed and distance, and to gently restrain a dog if they pull on the lead.</p> <p>Reliability and punctuality.</p> <p>Friendly and good communication skills.</p>
Selection Criteria - Desirable	<p>Qualifications in dog training or animal behaviour</p>

Conditions of appointment:

- Clear National Police Check
- Current Working with Children Check
- When required, clear International Police Check
- Commitment to comply with NRCH policies and procedures, and Code of Conduct
- Representing NRCH in a way that reflects our values and supports our vision.

This is a volunteer role and does not mean that you will be offered a paid position.

I have read and agree to undertake the duties and conditions of this volunteer role description.

Print Name:

Signature:

Date: