



## CHICAGO ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL DOGGIE DAY OUT PROGRAM

### About the Program:

Chicago Animal Care and Control's ("CACC") Doggie Day Out Program is designed to allow long-term dogs (over 30 days in the shelter) in our care an opportunity to get out of the shelter environment and spend time out in the world. This Program will help relieve the stress that many dogs feel living in the shelter environment, and it will allow the dogs to be seen / marketed while out on their Doggie Day Out. Doggie Day Out Program Fosters are encouraged to help the dogs in our care experience life outside of the shelter and to promote adoption / rescue of the dog (social media, pictures) to help the dog find its forever home! Doggie Day Out Program Fosters are allowed to check a dog out on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of the week for up to 4 hours. A CACC Representative will choose the dog for the program.

### Doggie Day Out Program Fosters must:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Have a valid ID reflecting a current address and provide a cell phone number.
- Secondary proof of address. This can include a current utility bill, mail postmarked within the last 30 days, or a voter registration card.
- Make an appointment for the Doggie Day Out Program by emailing [CACCFoster@cityofchicago.org](mailto:CACCFoster@cityofchicago.org) at least 48 hours in advance. This email is checked Monday through Friday from 11:30AM to 5:00PM. (A CACC Representative will confirm your appointment at least 24 hours in advance).
- Sign a Doggie Day Out Foster Agreement before leaving with the dog.
- Check the dog out for its Doggie Day Out no earlier than 12:00PM.
- **Return the dog to CACC no later than 4:00PM the same day (for special events, exceptions may be made with express permission in advance from CACC)**
- Fill out the Doggie Day Out Questionnaire upon return of the dog to CACC (if you refuse or fail to complete a questionnaire, future requests may be denied).

### Rules:

- The CACC Representative will choose the dog for the outing.
- All dogs participating in the Doggie Day Out Program must be spayed / neutered, microchipped and have received core vaccines, including the rabies vaccine.
- Before leaving CACC, the dog must be wearing a proper collar / harness and leash. No slip-leads allowed. No retractable leashes allowed. CACC will provide a collar, harness, and leash.
- Windows can be open no more than two inches and child safety lock MUST be on.
- All dogs must be secured in the car with a dog seatbelt leash clip. Dog seatbelt clips will be provided by CACC.

- The Doggie Day Out Program Foster must be in control of the dog at all times. No one other than the approved Doggie Day Out Program Foster may handle the dog, including, but not limited to, holding the leash.
- The Doggie Day Out Program Foster must know how to properly walk and maintain control of the dog. The dog must be kept securely on the leash at all times.
- Designated Dog parks, dog beaches or other off-leash, dog-friendly areas are not allowed.
- Interactions with other dogs and animals are not allowed and should be avoided.
- The dog must stay hydrated during its Doggie Day Out. Please bring water and a bowl with you to ensure hydration. Also bring poop bags for disposal of waste. If the Doggie Day Out Foster needs a bowl and poop bags, CACC can provide some.
- Doggie Day Out Program Fosters may bring their foster to any local, public location which allows dogs or to the Foster's private residence; however, interaction with other animals should be avoided.
- If the Doggie Day Out Program Foster goes to the Foster's private residence, the dog should only be allowed off-leash indoors or in a secured (no gaps or holes) fenced yard that is at least 6 feet tall. The dog should never be left outdoors unattended.
- No people food (ie. French-fries, hamburgers, ice cream, etc.). A Puppuccino from Starbucks is allowed.

#### General Information:

- CACC is open seven (7) days per week, and hours of operation are from 12pm to 7pm.
- CACC is located at 2741 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60608
- Primary Contact: APC: 312-747-1392 (hours: 10am—7pm, Monday through Friday)
- Foster Questions / Concerns: Email: [CACCFoster@cityofchicago.org](mailto:CACCFoster@cityofchicago.org)
- Secondary/Emergency Contact: Dispatch: 312-744-1412 (available from 8am to 10pm)

#### Social Media Tips:

- Use this time to help CACC market its adoptable dogs by taking pictures and video of your Foster Dog's experience and uploading them to your social media! Use #DoggieDayOut and tag us!
- Email us pictures or videos at [caccfoster@cityofchicago.org](mailto:caccfoster@cityofchicago.org)

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