

Emergency Response Volunteer (Dog Walker)



Role Description

About the Role

Spirit of Salford Emergency response volunteers are at the forefront of supporting residents and communities affected by COVID-19 and it is a diverse and varied role. The most important resource for Salford CVS in the event of an emergency is to have a pool of volunteers to call upon to assist in covering a variety of roles including this Dog Walker role.

Purpose of the Role

The main purpose of the role is to provide support to the Spirit of Salford Emergency Response by assisting in the welfare of dogs of those in shielding or self-isolation and have no available support network.

Duties and Responsibilities

This role involves:

- Calling the dog owner you are supporting to introduce yourself and make arrangements for collecting the animal – you may wish to know the dog's name, its breed/size, temperament and confirm if it has been microchipped
- The dog owner should ensure the dog is fitted with an appropriate collar, leash and harness and provide 'poop bags'
- Volunteer Dog Walkers do not enter the dog owners house
- Take the dog an agreed length walk, close to the property
- Return the dog to the property
- Ensure you dispose of any used 'poop bags' appropriately

- The dog owner will be contacted by Salford CVS the following week to identify if and when further assistance is required.

Please always ensure you:

- Maintain social distancing of minimum 2 metres at all times as well as other Covid-19 related government advice and guidance
- Are contactable by Salford CVS via you mobile at all times whilst volunteering
- Carry photographic ID along with your Salford CVS issued paperwork (an electronic copy is fine)
- Phone your Salford CVS contact once your volunteer task is completed

Qualifications

None, only experience and confidence in handling and walking dogs.

Any other operational qualifications such as first aid are useful but not essential.

Skills

- Your life experience, both personal and professional, will be of extreme value to this role
- Excellent interpersonal skills with ability to communicate with the Dog Owner
- Able to walk and handle a dog with confidence.

Commitments

Emergency response volunteers are contacted in the event of an emergency in Salford. Due to the nature of the role you may need to commit to regular volunteering until the dog owner can resume walking their dog.

Benefits

- Gain a variety of skills such as communication skills and working with dogs
- You will directly ensure the dogs are healthy and the dog owners have peace of mind as their dog is being looked after well
- You will be volunteering within a team of dedicated people
- You will be making a real difference in the community

Expenses

You will receive out of pocket travel expenses in line with the Salford CVS volunteer policy.