

# Lobby Pup Volunteer Guide

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## The Dog:

Confirm with John or Lisa which dog is a good candidate for the Lobby Pup

## What you need:

- Leash and/or harness
- Poop bags (for walking)
- "Adopt me" vest or bandana - located in a drawer on the volunteer table in the lobby
- Toys
- Treats - if the dog doesn't have any dietary restrictions
- Bedding - get a clean blanket, bed or towel from the laundry room
- Water Bowl - from the feeding room in the Blue (1) Kennel
- Your name badge

## General Instructions:

- Set up in the lobby or outside by the shelter entrance if the weather is nice - we will have more choices of places to set up once the construction is completed
- Take the paperwork from the dog's kennel to the lobby and review the paperwork
- Place the "Lobby Pup" sign on the kennel door
- Walk the dog
- Place the "adopt me" vest or bandana on the dog
- Tell the FOBCAS greeter that you are working with the lobby pup
- Greet people as they enter the lobby; ask if they would like to meet the lobby pup
- Once you are finished with your shift – take the dog and paperwork back to the kennel, remove lobby pup sign. *Don't forget to enter notes on the yellow volunteer sheet.*
- Return the items used during your shift

## Caution –



If there are kittens/cats in the lobby be sure to keep the dog at a safe distance

If the dog becomes too preoccupied with the cats/kittens you may need to choose another dog

Watch for other dogs or animals that come into the lobby - move the dog to a different location if necessary

Use caution around children – even if the dog is child friendly/good with kids

Avoid pressuring anyone into adopting the dog

## Tips:



- ✓ Walk the dog throughout the day
- ✓ Use this time to reinforce basic commands – i.e. sit, down, give paw
- ✓ If the dog is overly stimulated take it for a walk or to play in the play yard
- ✓ If the dog is still overly stimulated and difficult to handle you may want to choose another dog – ask John or Lisa
- ✓ Take pictures of the dog playing with toys, being affectionate, cute—be sure to follow FOBCAS social media guidelines before posting
- ✓ Don't get discouraged if no one shows interest – the Lobby Pup program gives the dogs a chance to get out of the kennel, socialize with people of all ages and get spoiled by the handler
- ✓ Most importantly -- Have fun!