

Protocol for Minimum Daily Care of Shelter Dogs

Holding Area (dogs not yet temperament tested)

1. Clean water at all times
2. One or two meals each day
3. Kennel kept clean of urine and feces
4. Soft bedding
5. Toy to play with
6. Auditory enrichment – radio playing soothing music during daytime (turned off at night)
7. Olfactory enrichment – aerosol air freshener sprayed in kennel area two times each day.
8. Social attention from a human each day (kind words and petting)
9. Walk outside at least once per day

Adoption Floor

1. Clean water at all times
2. One or two meals each day
3. Kennel kept clean of urine and feces
4. Soft bed for sleeping
5. Toy/chew items in cage
6. Social attention from a humans each day
7. Auditory enrichment – radio playing soothing music during daytime (turned off at night)
8. Olfactory enrichment - aerosol air freshener sprayed in kennel
9. Walk outside on leash each day – allowing dog to sniff
10. Time in outside kennel (weather permitting)
11. Training session to teach the basics (sit, down, stay, come)

Extras:

1. Training sessions for fun – tricks and games
2. Massage sessions
3. Reading sessions (reading to the dog)
4. Olfactory stimulation games
 - a. “find it” games (hiding treats)
 - b. “tracking” games (laying a trail of treats)