VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role: **Kennels Dog Walker**

Hours: At least 30 minutes per week during the opening hours of the kennels

Location: Kennels Unit, Freshfields Liverpool or Wales

Reports to: Reception

OVERALL PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

To 'make a difference together for All animals'.

You will provide a vital role in helping to exercise the dogs currently residing at the rescue, spending quality time with them away from the stress of the kennel environment.

KEY TASKS

- To follow instructions clearly, never allowing the dog off lead or undergoing any form of training whilst on a walk unless discussed with the Unit Manager or staff
- To never socialize dogs with other dogs or people on walks unless told to do so
- To be able to walk a variety of dogs with individual exercise plans and needs, sometimes walking more than 1 dog at a time (although often rare)
- To provide the dogs with quality walks in areas around the rescue
- To clean up and dispose of any dog mess during the walk to insure the walking areas are kept clean for the dogs and members of the pubic
- To follow Freshfields Animal Rescue policies and procedures at all times
- Other duties relevant to the requirements of the post

KEY SKILLS AND QUALITIES

1. Robust, energetic and physically able to exercise dogs in all weathers
2. Confident and able to safely work with rescued dogs, some of whom will have behavioural issues due to previous trauma and may be nervous and sensitive
3. Ability to pay attention to dogs' behaviour, responding appropriately under the direction of the Kennels Manager and staff
4. Positive and friendly attitude
5. Reliable and trustworthy
6. Able to take direction and follow detailed instruction from Unit staff regarding the animals' individual needs
7. Willing to give a regular commitment to insure stability for the dogs
8. Able to manage the physical demands of the post

TIME COMMITMENT

At least 30 minutes per week during the opening hours of the kennels