

Vernon County Humane Society

Walking a Dog

*If it is your first time working with a dog, VCHS recommends taking the dog into one of the play yards to get to know the individual before walking outside the fenced in areas.

**Please remember volunteers can only walk one dog at a time. If you are taking a dog into the play yard, you may take a play group. Play groups are listed on the wall in the dog adoption room.

1. Grab a leash and a potty bag.
2. Decide which dog you would like to take for a walk. Please make sure you check the dog's color to ensure the dog is a good fit for you.
3. Enter the kennel of the dog you would like to take for a walk. Close the door behind you so both you and the dog are secured inside the dog's kennel.
4. Place the leash securely on the dog's collar or harness.
5. Exit the kennel and walk outside using the door that faces west towards Wal-Mart.
6. You may walk the dog anywhere on VCHS property. If you choose to walk up and down Nelson Parkway, please use **extreme caution** as there is a lot of industrial traffic.
7. If the dog has a bowl movement while on the walk please pick any feces up using the potty bag. Place the bag in the VCHS dumpster located in the parking lot.
8. When returning the dog to his/her kennel use caution to ensure the dog does not escape when closing the kennel door.