



PUPVOCATE

INFO PACKET



PUPS WITHOUT BORDERS

WELCOME



Hi There!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR INTEREST IN
BECOMING A PUPVOCATE!**

The "Pupvocate" program is a brand new and innovative way to pair volunteers with dogs and puppies in need. Pupvocates are paired with adoptable pups, and give them special attention, experiences, and of course treats! It can be difficult for some of our dogs to get all of the enrichment they deserve, and thanks to your help, we can give them more opportunities to have fun and be their best selves for potential adopters!

Let's do this!

EVIE BAÑUELOS & THE PUPS WITHOUT BORDERS TEAM

WHAT IS A PUPVOCATE?

A PUPVOCATE IS A TRAINED VOLUNTEER WHO ADVOCATES FOR ONE DOG BY TRACKING THEIR MEDICAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS, SPENDING TIME WITH THEM, AND ADVERTISING THEM TO POTENTIAL ADOPTERS.

What are my responsibilities as a Pupvocate?

- ① VISIT YOUR DOG AT LEAST TWICE A MONTH
- ② TAKE PICTURES AND VIDEOS AND UPLOAD THEM TO ANIMALS FIRST AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- ③ TRACK AND FOLLOW MEDICAL NEEDS (VACCINE HISTORY NEW DEVELOPMENTS, VET APPOINTMENTS, ETC.)
- ④ CREATE A PROFILE ON ANIMALS FIRST, AND EDIT THEIR PETFINDERS PAGE
- ⑤ MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHO SHOULD ADOPT



① TWO VISITS PER MONTH

THESE VISITS ARE INCREDIBLY HELPFUL FOR A FEW REASONS: THE DOG GETS EXTRA QUALITY TIME AND AFFECTION, OPPORTUNITY FOR PICS AND VIDEOS, PERTINENT INFORMATION WE CAN USE FOR PETFINDERS AND ANIMALS FIRST.

What should I do on our visits?

There are so many options! We ask you to use caution for your first couple of visits, as this is when the dog is most likely to get spooked and run for the hills. Try “low risk activities” for your first few visits. That means:

- Harness and secure collar
- Avoid high traffic areas (especially for nervous dogs)
- **DO NOT REMOVE THE LEASH UNLESS YOU ARE IN A SECURE YARD OR PARK WITH DOUBLE FENCING**





VISITS CONTINUED...

■ LOW RISK ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Going on a walk
- Visiting the dog in their foster home or yard
- Going to a dog friendly establishment (like Starbucks for a pup cup)
- Going on a drive

■ ONCE YOU AND YOUR DOG KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER, THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS!

- Going to the dog park
- Going on a hike
- Going to the dog beach
- Doing a sleepover
- Going camping
- Going on a day trip
- Having a “bring your dog to work day”

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COLLECT AND UPLOAD PICTURES AND VIDEOS

WHILE OUR TEAM WILL TRY TO TAKE PICTURES AND VIDEOS WHEN POSSIBLE, WE RELY ON YOU TO BE THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF SHAREABLE MEDIA. YOU ARE YOUR PUP'S BEST CHANCE AT GETTING ADOPTED, AND YOU CAN HELP THEM BY TAKING HIGH QUALITY PHOTOS AND VIDEOS. REMEMBER TO UPLOAD ALL MEDIA TO ANIMALS FIRST!

We recommend you use:

- Portrait mode on your camera
- Pretty settings (grass, water, parks, etc.)
- Props and outfits
- For videos, catch your pup doing something cute (sitting on command, playing, running, kissing, getting dirty, etc.)



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TRACK AND FOLLOW MEDICAL NEEDS

(VACCINE HISTORY, NEW DEVELOPMENTS, ETC.)

Please:

- Make sure your dogs' vaccines are uploaded to the dog's Animals First page.
- Record and inform rescue of ANY and ALL medical developments for your pup. If the developments are MINOR (see description below), request meds from rescue and arrange for delivery of meds to your pup.
- MINOR medical updates include:
 - Allergies (red eyes, licking paws)
 - Ear issues (shaking their head/ears often)
 - New behaviors on walks (agitation, stress, etc.)
- Advise the rescue of any symptoms or issues so we can schedule a vet check up





④ FAQ

■ WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT FOR BEING A PUPVOCATE?

The short answer is, until your Pup gets adopted! In an ideal world, we would ask every Pupvocate to partner with their dog until that dog finds a furever home. But it can sometimes take a long time for that to happen, so we understand if you are not able to commit to an unknown amount of time. In the case where a Pupvocate needs to resign from their volunteer position, we ask for as much notice as possible.

■ DO I GET TO CHOOSE MY PUP?

Yes and no. Our application will ask you what type of dog you would ideally like to work with (age, size, personality, etc), as well as your location and how far you're comfortable traveling for visits. Once your application is submitted, a PWB volunteer manager will start finding available Pups that fit within your specifications. Once they have a few options picked out, they will send you a list of dogs that would be a good fit for you, and ask which dog you would like to be paired with.

FAQ CONTINUED

■ HOW MANY PUPS CAN I WORK WITH?

You may either work with one dog, OR one mama and litter of puppies.

■ CAN I SEE MY PUP MORE THAN BIWEEKLY?

Yes! You can see your Pup as often as is convenient for you, as long as you clear it with the Pup's foster or the facility manager.

■ WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISS OR HAVE TO RESCHEDULE THE BI-WEEKLY VISIT WITH MY PUP?

This program is completely volunteer based, and relies upon the honor system. We trust that as a volunteer, you will do your best to help your assigned Pup, and honor the commitment you have made to that Pup. Therefore, nothing happens if you have to miss a meeting. We just hope you'll reschedule it so that your Pup doesn't miss out on anything.



FAQ CONTINUED

CAN I OR SOMEONE I KNOW ADOPT MY PUP?

Possibly! We are very open to a Pupvocate or friend adopting one of our dogs. We ask that you go through the regular application process (adoption application, phone interview, and home check) if you or someone you know wants to adopt.

WHAT SHOULD I DO DURING A VISIT WITH MY PUP IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY?

Call or text a PWB representative (we will give you two phone numbers that we always monitor) so we can help.





THANK YOU!

Please let us know if you have any questions!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

For questions or emergencies: 213-513-7672

Adoption Inquiries: 323-616-2550

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