



Daily Tasks to care for the cats and dogs at the MD SPCA (Animal Shelters)

- Every morning our kennel staff clean all dog kennels and cat cages before we open to the public
- Staff and volunteers take dogs out for walks at least twice a day to provide the exercise they need (There are several paths to walk the dogs and fun runs to allow for playtime)
- All animals are assessed by our behavior team to learn more about the dog or cat before they become available for adoption. For example, our behavior team will learn information such as some dogs not wanting to be around other dogs or cats
- All animals get medical care when they first arrive at the shelter and continuously as needed
- All items you can see in the kennel with the dogs and cats are donated to us by people in the community (blankets, toys, beds, etc.)
- Blankets, beds, toys get washed and changed daily
- There are volunteers who socialize cats & dogs and show them to potential adopters
- Our foster team makes sure that cats and dogs who are currently not able to be adopted because of medical or behavioral reasons, find a temporary home that is more relaxing than the shelter. This allows them to recover until they can find their permanent home.
- Adoption counselors talk to potential adopters about the pet they would like to take home before finalizing the adoption

Items that can be donated:

- Blankets
- Towels
- Toys for both cats and dogs
- Cat beds
- Dog and cat food among other items (both wet & dry food)