

# Volunteer Dog Walker

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## Pre-Reading

### Questions:

- What is a volunteer dog walker?

### Definitions:

- Volunteer – a person who gives help with no pay;  
to give help with no pay
- Donate – to give in order to help; to give as a gift
- Author – the writer of a story or some other piece of written work

## Reading

17 I am a volunteer dog walker at Animal Art. I like doing it because I love the  
36 dogs. I usually go to the shelter four times a week. I give the dogs treats when I take  
54 them out for a walk. When it's cold out, the dogs don't want to walk. It's too cold  
on their paws.

57 The people at Animal Art like me, and I like them too. Workers there take  
72 good care of the dogs and cats. They order toys and blankets for the dogs and cats. I  
90 also donate blankets, toys and dog food for the animals.

100 I like to spend time with the dogs and play with them. I wish I could volunteer  
117 at Animal Art all of the time. I love it!

127 I wish people would take care of their animals. Animals are like people. They  
141 need homes too. Taking care of a puppy is like taking care of a baby. Some people  
158 dump their animals on a roadside. That is not right. If they didn't want a dog, why  
175 did they get one in the first place?

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## Understanding

1. What is the name of the animal shelter? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Why does the author like to volunteer at the shelter? (List at least two reasons.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What is the author's wish? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How often does the author help walk the dogs? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Besides his time, what else does the author give to the animals? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Writing

Choice A: Retell this story in your own words.

Choice B: Write about volunteer work you do. If you don't do any, what could you do?  
Where could you do it?

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