



GCAC Make My Day! Dog Field Trip Program SOG

As a part of our Behavioral Enrichment program, dogs will be permitted to go on day trips to give them time and activities outside of the kennel environment and expose them to more potential adopters.

What is a “Field Trip”? A field trip is when a dog is taken in a volunteer’s vehicle on a day trip away from the shelter. Dogs may go to the beach, to a volunteer’s home, or to a park.* Volunteers assume the risk and liability that goes along with taking a shelter dog away from the shelter in their personal vehicle.

Field Trips may be done in a single day between 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays (except for County holidays). Dogs must be back before 4:00 p.m. so that they can have their dinners on time and staff can perform closing duties on time. At this time, we do not allow overnight stays for shelter dogs.

The County is not liable for any damage that occurs to the volunteer’s vehicle or to a person or other animal while a dog is checked out for a Field Trip.

Where Can the Dogs Go? Dogs may be taken anywhere they are legally allowed to be in Brunswick, St. Simons Island or Jekyll Island EXCEPT dog parks. Because the risk of parasite and disease transmission as well as interacting with potentially aggressive dogs, shelter dogs may not go to any dog parks. Please be sure and check on any restrictions at your destination location. The County is not responsible for any tickets or fines incurred by the volunteer during a Field Trip.

Dogs may visit a volunteer’s home as long as there is no other animal in the home. This is for the safety of other animals as well as the shelter dog.

Who Can Take Dogs on Field Trips? The Make My Day! Dog Field Trip Program is open to volunteers age 18 and older with a valid driver license who have been active Glynn County Animal Control Dog Walkers for at least 3 months. “Active is defined as having been to the shelter a minimum of 6 times in the past 3 months.

Field Trip volunteers must be approved by the Animal Control Manager in coordination with the Kennel Lead. There is an additional liability waiver that must be signed to participate in this program.

Youth may accompany qualified adult volunteers on the Field Trip but may not hold the leash or otherwise be made to be responsible for the dog.

Which Dogs Can Go on Field Trips? Only adoptable dogs who have been pre-approved by our Kennel Lead (Ashley Gordon) or Manager – in Ashley’s absence – may go on Field Trips.

Volunteers may only take dogs color-coded to the volunteer's level of training (i.e. blue, green or purple). Only 1 dog per approved volunteer may be checked out at a time. If multiple volunteers are going on the Field Trip together, our Kennel Lead must approve which dogs can go out safely together.

How to Check Out a Dog

1. Let our Manager (Tiffani) know that you are interested in participating in our Dog Field Trip Program. If you are approved, she will give your name to our Kennel Lead (Ashley Gordon).
2. Once you are on the Field Trip Volunteer List, you will need to contact our Kennel Lead at least 1 business day in advance so that she can approve your choice of a dog or suggest dogs for you to choose from.
3. Check with a staff member for a copy of the dog's **RABIES CERTIFICATE** – this must travel with the dog.
4. The dog must wear at least 1 of the following: an Adopt Me collar, an Adopt Me harness or an Adopt Me leash.
5. Check the dog out and back in on the clipboard at the front desk.
6. **Dogs on Field Trips can NEVER BE OFF LEASH!** They must be wearing a collar or harness AND leash at all times from the time they leave their kennel until they are returned at the end of their trip. Volunteers may not take any chances that they might lose the dog or the program will have to be shut down.
7. **Dogs may not go out of Glynn County.** Dog field trips are allowed to Brunswick, St. Simons Island and Jekyll Island as long as the destination is dog-friendly and you obey all laws, ordinances and posted signs.
8. **GCAC is not responsible for any fees, fines, expenses incurred by the field trip.**

Emergency Contact Information

If you have checked out a dog and have an emergency, please call Daniel at **(912) 237-6332 or 911 (they can call or page all GCAC staff members)**. If the dog is sick or injured, you must get pre-approval before incurring any veterinary expenses. If it's a life-or-death emergency, seek immediate medical attention.

LOCAL ORDINANCES pertaining to the control of animals that you may encounter while out walking one of our shelter pets:

2-4-5 Violations.

a. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for the owner of any dog or cat to allow such dog or cat to run at large, as defined in Section 2-4-3(c), in the areas of Glynn County under the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners of Glynn County.

An animal running-at-large is defined as i) any public nuisance dog or cat, or (ii) any dog or cat while not on a leash or in close proximity of the owner and obedient to that person's commands.

A public beach is defined as I. Public beach means that area of beach located above the low water mark of the Atlantic Ocean which is used by the general public with the owner's permission or which is owned by the State of Georgia or Glynn County.

b. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for the owner of any dog to fail to command the obedience of a dog, as provided in Section 2-4-3(c), in the unincorporated areas of Glynn County, except for Jekyll Island State Park.

c. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for the owner of any dog or cat to allow said dog or cat to act so as to become a public nuisance dog or cat as defined in Section 2-4-3(m).

d. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for the owner of any dog or cat, whether leashed or otherwise, to take such animal onto that portion of the public beaches of St. Simons Island, Georgia, between the northern right-of-way line of Sixteenth Street (East Beach) and the western right-of-way line of Mallery Street, when such rights-of-way are extended ocean ward to the low water mark of the Atlantic Ocean. This restriction shall apply during the hours between 9:00a.m. and 6:00 p.m. during the period from the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day of any year. The owner or handler of a dog or cat, whether leashed or unleashed, may take such dog or cat onto the public beaches of St. Simons Island, Georgia, at times other than that prohibited by this paragraph, but shall be required to keep such dog or cat within the voice command and under his or her immediate control during all such times.

e. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for the owner of any dog or cat to allow said dog or cat to remain unleashed in Neptune Park, Massengale Park, and all other Glynn County parks. No leash may exceed ten (10) feet in length.

h. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for the owner of any dog, cat or horse to fail to immediately remove the fecal matter of such dog, cat or horse from that portion of the public beaches of St. Simons Island, Georgia, between the low-water mark and the line of permanent vegetation or dune area or from Neptune Park, Massengale Park, Mallory Park, and all other Glynn County parks.

i. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for the owner of any dog or cat, whether leashed or otherwise, to take such animal onto the St. Simons Island Pier as defined in Section 2-11-1 of this Ordinance.

j. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for the owner of any dog or cat, whether leashed or otherwise, to take or allow such animal in the fenced confines of any athletic field or playground area owned by Glynn County. It shall also be illegal for the owner of any dog or cat to allow that animal, leashed or otherwise, to enter an area of the North Glynn Park where signs are posted prohibiting the animal's entrance.

k. The owner or handler of a dog or cat, whether leashed or unleashed, may take such dog or cat onto the public beaches of St. Simons Island, Georgia, at times other than that prohibited by paragraph d. of this Section 2-4-5, but shall be required to keep such dog or cat within the voice

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Read the attached Program SOG and initial and sign below. Before you are approved, you must turn in this page to our Division Manager, Tiffani Hill. Please keep pages 1 and 2 for your reference. Thank you.

___ I have read and agree to abide by the Program SOG and all directions from GCAC staff members.

___ I understand that I must be pre-approved to participate in this program.

___ I understand that the County is not liable for any damage that occurs to the volunteer's vehicle or to a person or other animal while a dog is checked out for a Field Trip.

___ I understand that only 1 dog may be checked out per person and that I must notify GCAC's Kennel Lead, Ashley Gordon, at least 24 hours prior to checking a dog out (animalservices@glynncounty-ga.gov or 554-7500).

___ I agree to follow the dog check out/check in procedures.

___ I understand that it is at the discretion of the Division Manager and Kennel Lead whether or not I or any shelter dog can participate in this program. My ability to participate in this program is dependent on whether or not I safely and responsibly follow the program SOG.

Volunteer's Signature

Date

Volunteer's Name Printed

Volunteer's Phone Number(s)

Emergency Contact's Name and Phone Number

Volunteer's Address