



TAILS AROUND TOWN FAQ

What is Tails Around Town?

Tails Around Town is a foster field trip program. Field trips help get shelter dogs adopted by making them more visible to potential adopters. We learn a lot about dogs when they are out of the shelter environment. What we learn helps us place dogs into forever homes. Field trips also provide enrichment, and reduce stress. A two hour field trip for a dog is similar to a weekend for a human.

Where is Tails Around Town?

To check out a dog, you will visit the PVAS Andrews Center, 2451 N Expressway 281, Edinburg, TX 78541. A field trip with a dog could include a car ride, a trip to the beach, a walk, a movie at home, or a nice meal on a pet-friendly patio. Wherever you go, we think it's more fun with a canine sidekick.

When?

Check out is 7 days a week from 11am-1pm at the PVAS Andrews Center. To take a dog out on the town, be sure to show up by 1pm. We encourage everyone to sign up ahead of time so that we can have a dog ready for you. Please e-mail foster@pvactx.org for more information, or sign up online by visiting pvactx.org/tailsaroundtown to reserve your field trip spot.

Which dogs can go on field trips? Can I choose the dog I take out?

Dogs are pre-selected for field trips based on health status, age, vaccination status, and length of time in the shelter. We prioritize sending our long stay residents who need the enrichment the most. We will match you with a dog based on your experience with dogs, and where you plan to go with the dog.

Can I bring my own dog(s)?

While Tails Around Town welcomes all members of the community, we ask that you leave your own fur-kids at home. Save meet and greets for another time.

Can I take more than one dog?

This depends on a couple of things. We have a policy of one dog per two people (over 18 years of age). In most cases, you will take a single dog out on the town. In some cases, a bigger group of participants may take two dogs out on the town, if they are from the same kennel.

Can I take photos of my field trip dog?

Yes! Please take and share photos and videos of your foster field trip dog. The more, the better! Please use hashtags: [#pvastx](#) [#tailsaroundtown](#) [#pvasfoster](#)

What if I fall in love? Can I adopt my foster field trip dog?

Absolutely! But please come back to the shelter so that we can complete appropriate paperwork, do our routine adoption counseling, and change ownership.



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Who can take a dog out on the town?

This program is open to the public, but participants must be 18 years of age or older to be able to sign a dog out for a field trip. Every participant must sign a foster field trip agreement, provide a valid piece of photo ID, and review a Dos and Don'ts checklist. **Participants must be residents of Hidalgo County and reside within a 20 mile radius of Palm Valley Animal Society's Trenton Center or Andrews Center.**

Where can I go with my field trip foster dog?

The RGV has several pet friendly restaurants, cafes, stores, and parks! Sometimes there are specific events that welcome furry companions. Don't worry, we will send you with a list of possibilities. No dog parks, and no off leash areas, please.

I want to help, but I can't make it to the shelter/ I am allergic to dogs. Is there anything else I can do?

Certainly! We're always looking for volunteers to help distribute flyers in the community or work from home on simple administrative tasks and social media posts.

Another way to help is to donate items that we need to run the program. Below is a list of the items we need the most. These supplies will help ensure a smooth field trip for everyone.

Harnesses - size medium and large

Safety first! Front attach harnesses are ideal for strong dogs, and for shelter dogs who are not yet trained to walk on a leash with a flat collar. They also give field trip dogs added security & help prevent escape. Nobody wants a loose dog around town! Harnesses can be gently used. Example: Pet Safe Easy Walk harness

Sturdy leashes for medium-large dogs

Our foster supply closet is running very low on leashes. The sturdier, the better.

Flat collars and martingale collars - size medium and large

We need collars for our medium to larger dogs. Flat collars, and flat martingale collars don't choke, they are safe, secure, and can easily attach to ID tags. We don't need anything fancy.

"Adopt me" vests or leashes

We need "Adopt me" vests! Adopt me vests and leashes are more visible to potential adopters than bandanas. Feeling crafty? We encourage you to make your own!

Can I donate my dog's old stuff? Do you want that?

Sometimes! We'd love your gently used harnesses, leashes and collars.