



# Fetch a Little Freedom

## WCAS Doggie Day Out Program

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### **Give Them a Break. Give Them a Chance.**

Not every dog gets noticed from behind kennel doors...  
but you can change that.

**Fetch a Little Freedom** is your opportunity to take a shelter dog out for a few hours of fresh air, adventure, and real-world interaction—while helping them get one step closer to a forever home.

Sometimes, all it takes is one outing to change everything.

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## What Is It?

Our Doggie Day Out Program allows approved participants to take a shelter dog out for a **2–4 hour outing**.

Whether it's:

- A walk in the park
- A car ride
- A quick stop for a treat
- Or simply relaxing outside the shelter

You are giving them a break from kennel life—and a chance to be seen.

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## Who Can Participate?

To participate, you must:

- Be **18 years or older**
- Complete an **application and approval process**
- Present a valid **ID**
- Sign a **liability waiver**

Our team will guide you through the process.

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## **Dog Selection & Matching**

Dog participation and placement are **not first-come, first-served**.

Each outing is carefully matched based on:

- The individual dog's behavior, temperament, and needs
- The participant's experience and comfort level
- Overall safety and success of the outing

All dogs are selected **at the full discretion of WCAS staff and management**, with the best interest of both the animal and participant as the top priority.

WCAS reserves the right to approve or deny any match at any time.

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## **What We Provide**

Each approved outing includes:

- Leash and necessary supplies
  - Water bowl
  - Treats
  - A "Report Card" to document the dog's experience
  - "Adopt Me" identification (when applicable)
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## **What You Can Do**

Participants are encouraged to enjoy dog-friendly activities such as:

- Walking on local trails or sidewalks

- Visiting parks (leashed at all times)
- Spending time outdoors
- Visiting pet-friendly locations
- Helping the dog gain positive exposure in the community

Participants are encouraged to share photos and tag the shelter to help increase visibility for adoptable dogs.

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## Important Rules

To ensure safety for all:

- Dogs must remain **leashed at all times**
- No dog parks or interaction with unknown animals
- No overnight stays
- Dogs must be returned at the agreed-upon time
- Dogs may not be transferred to another individual

Failure to follow these rules may result in removal from the program.

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## After Your Outing

Upon return:

- Participants will submit the dog's Report Card
  - Feedback will be used to better understand the dog's behavior and preferences
  - Information may be used to assist in finding an appropriate adoptive home
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## In Case of Emergency

If an issue arises during the outing:

- Secure the dog if possible
  - Contact WCAS immediately at **304-815-1570**
  - Follow staff instructions
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## **Why This Program Matters**

This program helps to:

- Reduce kennel stress
- Improve behavior and socialization
- Increase visibility and adoption opportunities
- Strengthen community involvement in animal welfare

Most importantly, it provides dogs with meaningful interaction and enrichment outside of the shelter environment.

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## **Ready to Participate?**

Program details and application information will be released soon.

Please continue to follow our page for updates on how to get involved.

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## **Fetch a Little Freedom**

Because every dog deserves a day outside the kennel.