



## Humane Pennsylvania Dog Play Groups

Play groups are not only physically beneficial to dogs in the shelter, but there are many mental benefits as well. Allowing dogs to participate in playgroups helps them to learn better social skills with other dogs, burn off energy, and reduce stress. All of these benefits assist in increasing adoptions by enabling the dogs to be more relaxed in their kennels and present better during meets with potential families. Staff also gain useful information about each dog that can be shared with adopters and potentially help make more appropriate matches. Dogs can act completely different outside of the shelter environment, so to be able to see them in a more natural environment, like playing with other dogs, we are obtaining critical information we may have not received otherwise.

We are seeking a community partner that is interested in supporting our play groups for dogs. The wish list below contains items needed for the success of the play groups, as well as the need for financial contributions to make necessary modifications to the play group areas.

### Benefits of Supporting our Dog Play Groups:

- Allows our staff to have the necessary tools and resources they need to facilitate this in a fun and safe way
- Giving our staff the opportunity to observe and evaluate dogs in a different setting, providing us with lifesaving information for the dog's adoptive family
- Recognition of your support through our social media pages when we post videos and photos of the play groups
- Recognition of your support on our Corporate Partners website page

### Dog Play Groups Wish List:

- Spray Bottles
- Air Horns
- Carabiners
- Martingale collars of all sizes
- Nylon muzzles of all sizes
- Basket muzzles of all sizes
- Gentle Leaders of all sizes
- Pet Corrector air blast
- Utility belts for staff to carry safety items and other tools
- Go Pro video cameras
- Modifications to current fencing

Your support would give us the opportunity to save the lives of so many additional animals by continuing to provide fun and interactive play groups.

To set up a meeting and schedule a tour, please contact Lauren Henderson, Director of Events & Corporate Relations, at [lhenderson@humanepa.org](mailto:lhenderson@humanepa.org) or 610-750-6100 x 211

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