



The Yellow Dog Project

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Overview

Volunteer Area Representatives of The Yellow Dog Project (TYDP) can have a variety of responsibilities and expectations based on the level of commitment and experience they have. Below is a general guideline for the volunteer position of Area Representative.

Expectations

- Answering questions and providing information for the people interested in TYDP. This involves knowing basic information about the society such as where/when/why/how it was founded, what "yellow" stands for and product knowledge.
- Promote the products as seen on TYDP website (ribbons, t-shirts etc.) for people with "yellow" dogs as a way to say: "please give me space!"
- Development in your community, including visits to the local Veterinary Clinics, pet stores, groomers & trainers etc. Your role would be to educate them on what TYDP is and request to hang a poster in their office or leave some promotional items. Essentially you will be "the face" of TYDP and try to reach out to as many people as possible in your area.
- Positive Reinforcement Training &/or Behavior Adjustment Training are the methods of training to be promoted and recommended. "Alpha" or "Shock" methods are not to be encouraged nor are dog trainers who promote these methods to be recommended. As a representative of TYDP, you will most likely receive many questions regarding general animal behavior with regards to "yellow" dogs. Be sure to know the trainers in your area who practice Positive Reinforcement Training so you are able to suggest they obtain further information from them. You are not an animal trainer; you are only supporting the awareness of "yellow" dogs.
- Keep track of the time you spend in this role. In order to provide a Volunteer Reference and gain a further understanding of the types of activities you are experienced in, we

request that you keep track of what you do and how long you do it, and remember every little bit helps!

Time Commitment

We recognize that we all have other commitments and that it may not always be possible to keep a consistent schedule for volunteering. With this position, it is what you make it! Some people will be able to volunteer 10 hours/week, some only 1/week. Whatever you are able to do is appreciated. Those with more hours volunteering will be considered more "senior" and may have first choice to speak and attend events.

Supervision

You will work independently for the majority of work. Danielle Gettis, Volunteer Coordinator, is the "go to" for any questions, concerns or further information.

Authority/Decision Making

All decisions or approvals necessary in the position are to go through Danielle Gettis, Volunteer Coordinator, who will confer with Tara Palardy, the founder.

Supporting Policies

- Follow the outline of this job description
- Abide by any future code of conduct or documents that outline acceptable volunteer policies.
- Ensure Positive Reinforcement Training &/or Behavior Adjustment Training is promoted and recommended.
- Never try to break up a dogfight or approach a dog without the owner's permission.
- Respect the confidentiality and sensitivity of people with yellow dogs.