

Thank you for considering this. The dogs and we appreciate it :-)

This is an offer of an exchange of your volunteer time with the dogs in exchange for free rent / utilities for the entire month.

We have a small farm in Mt. Vernon, between Anacortes and Burlington. On it, we have six rescue dogs. A few are keepers, and we must train the rest for adoption.

You are helping to be part of the solution of walking them, working with them to make them adoptable (not jumping, puppy biting, food aggression etc...)

You would have to be physically strong enough to deal with dogs.

This farm is not "our job". We have regular jobs and are often away for two weeks out of a month. For those two weeks, it would be "all you". However, for the two weeks we are home, your responsibilities will be minimal or nothing. You would have plenty of free time, vacation etc during those two weeks so there's plenty of time off.

In return, you would receive free rent, utilities, and WiFi.

It's not a full time position. You'll have plenty of time off each day even during the two weeks we need you to do the things important to you. You just have to carve enough time out to meet their needs and help ensure they are happy and safe.

The average day will include:

- Letting dogs out in their yards at 7:30 AM, feeding them, giving them attention and love, throwing the ball, sticks, etc.
- Cleaning up waste in yards
- Keeping an eye on the cameras when able to insure they are safe.
- Walking/leash training dogs to make them more adoptable
- Feeding snacks mid-day
- Being around most of the day to keep an eye on things. You can generally leave for hours in between once the dogs are in safe containment areas, but they can't be left alone all day.
- Feeding each dinner according to their individual needs. No
- Occasionally rotating the dogs to different environments on the farm to provide a change of scenery for them.
- Wash dog dishes
- Water outside plants in (summer)
- Prevent dogs from excessive barking if occurring - especially in the early mornings.
- Fill the bird feeders/hummingbirds food

We are thinking during the two weeks we need you it would probably take:

- 1 hour each day preparing / providing meals and insuring they are in their separate eating places.
- 2 hours daily just being company to the dogs, playing and providing love.
- 30 min poop patrol
- 2 hours of training and one-on-one time.
- 30 min each day of the miscellaneous things mentioned above.

Other non-daily needs include:

- Occasional care for outdoor plants/possibly yards.
- Cooking up some organic, open-range chicken/turkey to augment their dog food
- Finding opportunities to socialize the animals to get along with other people and dogs.
- Check cats twice a week (we have a few barn cats on the property)
- Mop the kitchen floor occasionally from all the dog activity

Other occasional needs:

- Occasional extra Coverage for our vacations but with extra pay of course.
- Mow lawn ?? with a riding mower if you're up for it.

References / Requirements:

- Because you'll be living on our property, we need you to have references and we do need to do a criminal background check.
- You must own a vehicle and have a good driving record, as you occasionally have to transport animals/food if needed.
- It's probably best if you don't own animals, but there exceptions depending on the animal, size, temperament, etc...

Closing Thoughts:

Our goal is to provide you a private place to live and enjoy your life on our farm. In return we are asking for you to help with our rescue dogs as described above.

There may be other chores available for you depending on your ability and interest if you are interested in taking them on for some income.

Also, because we are on a farm, you may want to use a piece of land, some shop space, barn space, etc., for some private purpose for which we could talk further about.

It's a beautiful spot with a lot of country air. Our neighbor has horses, sheep, and chickens. It's a great place in the country to wake up to daily, yet it's plenty close to modern conveniences.

We need to fill this role ASAP so we can move quickly if you are the right person.

If this sounds like you, fill out our form or email with your thoughts:

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