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VCA Charities Dog Day Out Field Trip Program

Launched in 2023, VCA Charities Dog Day Out field trip program expands on our mission to help pets find and remain in loving homes. This out-of-the-box shelter program serves to reduce kennel stress while increasing community volunteerism and adoption of shelter dogs.

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Why Dog Day Out?

Recent research shows dogs who experience a single day outside of the shelter are **10 times more likely** to be adopted, and the volunteers who take dogs on field trips become advocates for the animal and programs that enable enrichment through public support. Since launching the program, VCA Charities has partnered and supported 20 of the largest U.S. based shelters with a combined intake of more than 325,000 pets annually.

VCA Charities' new [Dog Day Out Starter Guide \(open in new tab\)](#), created in partnership with Kristen Hassen of [Outcomes Consulting](#), provides a condensed version of the in-person training program, giving shelters a glimpse into what it takes to start or grow a shelter dog field trip program and engage local communities to increase adoption rates and reduce kennel stress.

Dog Day Out Locations

[Animal Care Centers of NYC \(NY\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Arizona Humane Society \(AZ\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Asheville Humane Society \(NC\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter \(MD\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Brandywine Valley SPCA \(PA\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[City of Sacramento - Front Street \(CA\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Cleveland Animal Protective League \(OH\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[County of Santa Barbara Animal Services \(CA\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Dallas Animal Services \(TX\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Humane Society of Harrisburg Area \(PA\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Humane Society of Tulsa \(OK\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Humane Society of West Michigan \(MI\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Lawrence Humane Society \(KS\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[LifeLine Animal Project \(GA\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Louisiana SPCA \(LA\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Maricopa County Animal Care and Control \(AZ\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Michigan Humane Society \(MI\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Minneapolis Animal Care and Control \(MN\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Nebraska Humane \(NE\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[San Diego County Animal Services \(CA\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[San Diego Humane Society \(CA\) \(opens in new window\)](#)
[Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter \(TX\) \(opens in new window\)](#)

Learn More

Nonprofit shelters interested in attending a future in-person training on Dog Day Out can **complete the [Dog Day Out Interest Form](#)** to receive more information and get on a list for future training.

Questions? Reach out to contact@vcharities.org

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