



Dogs Needed for ASPCA® SAFER™ Certification Prep Course demonstrations

Demonstration dogs are needed on day two of the two-day workshop. They are assessed and filmed by the facilitators (only) to demonstrate the assessment process, and identify/discuss behaviors and scoring. Please note that no decisions regarding the adoption potential of the dog should be made according to the behavior the dog exhibits during the demonstration.

Number of dogs needed: 7-10. One or two dogs *without any* behavior challenges are required.

Ideally, the dogs will show the group a wide variety of behaviors during the assessment demonstrations. Please include dogs likely to demonstrate some of these behaviors and who are a variety of sizes and breeds:

- play behavior (huffing, popping, play bowing)
- touch sensitivity
- possession aggression – aggression around toys & other non-food objects
- easily over-aroused
- dog aggression
- food aggression

Note: The behaviors should not be so extreme as to limit normal kennel handling and demonstration in front of a room of people.

The facilitators will want to see the dogs before the workshop begins.

Dogs should *not* be held back for adoption for the workshop. The ASPCA team does not want to prevent them from finding a great home if there is a family that wants to adopt one of the dogs identified for the workshop. If slated for euthanasia however, we'd like the dog(s) held for the workshop if the organization has the space to do so.

The demonstration dogs should wear a regular buckle collar and have the opportunity to urinate and defecate outside prior to being assessed. Many shelters have called upon their exceptional dog-walkers to transport and manage dogs during this portion. We request that workshop participants not be the ones handling dog logistics so they can remain fully engaged in the learning.

Prior to the workshop, a SAFER workshop facilitator will contact the organization bringing the dogs to confirm details.