



CAWL-ing All Animal Lovers



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Introduction

The Calvert Animal Welfare League, also known as CAWL, is a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter designed to care for and help homeless and unwanted dogs and cats. Their mission is to provide a caring environment for these animals until they are adopted. I mainly work with the dogs at the shelter, where I provide their food, take them all walks, and so much more.



Here is a Luke, a shelter dog, and I in front of the CAWL building.

Picture Credit: Tony Hotton



Here is a picture of another dog in our care, Chunk.

Picture Credit: Alexandra Herrera

Impact

The impact that that this shelter has is immense. Since CAWL is a non-profit organization, it is completely funded by donations and runned by volunteers. Without all of the donations and volunteers' help so many dogs would have not been adopted to loving homes or would have been sent to kill-shelters. During my time at the shelter, 7 dogs have been adopted to loving homes.

Working at a shelter has also had an impact on me. I have done a lot of self-reflection about the work I have done. You do not realize it at first but you create bonds with these dogs. When a dog gets adopted you get super excited but then you realize that's the last time you will see them. It is always a bittersweet goodbye.

Activities

At the shelter, I care for the dogs during the evening. During the evening, I feed the dogs, give them any medications they need, talk them on walks, play with them, clean their runs, and provide all of them with love and care. I also notify the manager of any physical or behavioral issues that I might notice so that it can be addressed as soon as possible.

Future Work

After this semester ends I will continue to volunteer at the animal shelter for as long as I can. One goal I have for the shelter is for all of the dogs to get adopted. I will also to donate when I am no longer able to vonlunteer at the shelter. After my time ends at the shelter, I would like to find a shelter closer to my future home to volunteer at.

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