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Pam Hall Pass Program

Named in honor of super volunteer, Pam Stern, *Pam's Hall Pass Program* celebrates Pam's years of dedication to BRHS dogs — from daily walks to fostering to fun outings. This program is designed to give our adoptable dogs a much-deserved break from the shelter while helping them shine in the real world.

Through *Pam's Hall Pass*, our pups get to enjoy enriching adventures — whether it's a walk in the park, a visit to a dog-friendly café, or a fun car ride — offering them new experiences, socialization, and exposure to potential adopters. Each outing also helps us learn more about our dogs' personalities, which in turn helps us find them the perfect forever homes.

General Info, Rules & FAQs

How to Sign Up & Get Started

Signing up for the Pam Pass Program is easy! Read over our Rules & FAQs and then fill out our Pam Hall Pass Application here: https://forms.gle/GQpGENFJ2f3FJ9N37! After you've done that, you can come to the shelter during open hours, visit with staff about what dogs are available for a Pam Pass that day, and take a dog out!

Rules

1. Waiver and contact information must be filled out prior to taking a dog on a Pam Pass
2. Must be over 18 years old
3. If transporting dog by vehicle, driver must have a valid driver's license and car insurance
4. Dogs must ride inside vehicles: no truck beds, no convertibles, and open windows must be monitored
5. Pam Pass participants must plan their outings during the shelter's open hours. All dogs must be returned to shelter no later than 30 minutes prior to closing

1. Dogs must wear a collar with tags attached and either a martingale collar or harness as provided by BRHS and must remain leashed while on outing. No retractable leashes. The leash may only be removed if the dog is in a private, confined area that is pre-approved by staff
2. May only go to locations on the approved list
3. NO DOG PARKS
4. Keep dog solo- Day trip dogs should not be introduced to the caregiver's own pets or any other animals during the outing unless given prior written permission by staff
5. Dogs may not be left unattended

FAQ

Won't the dog be sad coming back?

It's a common concern—and we understand. But the good news is, science backs the benefit!
A study by KC Pet Project found that even though shelter stress may return after a recess, it doesn't increase. In fact, these outings provide a critical reset, allowing dogs to rest, decompress, and return better able to cope with their environment.

Can I pick which dog I take?

We'll provide a list of dogs eligible for recess and we'll discuss with you who and where would be ideal candidates.

How long can I take a dog out of the shelter?

It's totally up to you! You can take them for a car ride to grab a pup-cup, bring them to your home for some playtime and snuggles, or explore Brookings together for the day. Just make sure your outing is within our open hours and that you're able to bring them back for any meet-and-greets we schedule—dogs must be returned at least 30 minutes before closing.

What if someone is interested in adopting the dog I have out on a Pam's Hall Pass?

That's fantastic! Interested parties will go through the same adoption process as all of our animals. They'll need to call the shelter to set up an appointment for a meet and greet and we can take it from there! You can have them scan the "Adoptable Animals" QR code on your Pam's Hall Pass Card for more information about our adoptable animals and our process.

Approved Locations (list subject to change)

Nature Park

Dog friendly restaurants & coffee shops

Dog friendly businesses & stores: Lowe's, Runnings

Starbucks, Dairy Queen, Scooters for Pup Cup

Pictures and Report Card

We encourage all Pam's Hall Pass Program participants to take plenty of photos during their outing! These candid snapshots help us showcase the dog on social media and give potential adopters a look at their true personality outside the shelter.

Scan the QR codes on your Pam's Hall Pass Card to fill out their report card and to upload photos from your adventure!

Release, Waiver, and Assumption of Risk

As a condition to acceptance of this Application, the Applicant understands and acknowledges that all risk and liability from such Pam's Hall Pass Program care shall be the sole responsibility of the Applicant, and the Applicant hereby fully and completely releases the Brookings Regional Humane Society, Inc., its officers, directors, agents, volunteers and employees from any and all liability for any injury or damages to persons, property, or other pets which may be caused by any animal being cared for. The Applicant understands that all Pam's Hall Pass Program animals belong to the BRHS and must be returned to our facility upon request.

I hereby agree that if I am accepted as a Pam's Hall Pass Program Participant for the Brookings Regional Humane Society Inc., ("BRHS") I agree to comply with all of the Pam's Hall Pass Program Participant policies and procedures which may be established from time to time by BRHS. I understand that failure to comply with the Pam's Hall Pass Program Participant policies and procedures of BRHS may result in the immediate termination of my Pam's Hall Pass Program Participant assignments and privileges.

I understand and agree that if accepted as a Pam's Hall Pass Program Participant, all services performed by me will be performed on a strictly voluntary basis, and that I will receive no remuneration, pay or compensation of any kind, that I will not be an employee of BRHS nor otherwise derive any benefits normally available to employees of BRHS, and that BRHS shall incur no liability of any nature as a result of my being a Pam's Hall Pass Program Participant for BRHS.

I understand that public relations are an important part of fostering with BRHS. On behalf of myself, my heirs and personal representatives, I give BRHS permission to use and publish photographs taken of me as a Pam's Hall Pass Program Participant for use in its public relations efforts.

I acknowledge that I understand its intent, and I, for myself and my family or participating group, do hereby agree and will absolve and hold harmless The Brookings Regional Humane Society, Inc. from and against any blame and liability for any injury, harm, loss, inconvenience or any damage of any kind whatsoever, which may result from or be connected in any way to my participation in any and all events.

I hereby agree to follow all of the guidelines and regulations required for these events, to prevent injuries, damages or mishaps involving any other Pam's Hall Pass Program Participant, animal or Brookings Regional Humane Society representative participating in the event.

I certify that I have read this waiver and understood its significance.