Doggie Dates

What is Doggie Dates?
Doggie Dates is a program where a person can check out an adoptable dog from Animal Services like a library book. The person can take the dog home, to their workplace, green spaces, and inside of area malls. The person can take a dog for a day or up to a week. A dog leaves on a Doggie Date with a leash, harness, “adopt me” vest, food, and a pet licence. Since the program began in 2018, hundreds of dogs have successfully participated in Doggie Dates.

What are the benefits of Doggie Dates?
Doggie Dates helps give a dog in a shelter a break from kennel life. It also helps improve the health and wellness of the person participating. Feedback and photos from Doggie Dates are posted on Animal Services’ social media channels. Adoptable dogs receive valuable exposure and socialization in the community, and some of the dogs end up being adopted by the dater or by residents who met the dog in the community.

Is there a cost?
For the first Doggie Date, a person pays a deposit which is equivalent to the adoption fee. The deposit is returned when the dog is returned or can be used to adopt the dog. Future Doggie Dates require no deposit.

More info:
winnipeg.ca/animalservices