

Simple changes that help us walk more dogs

Bigger whiteboards for walk times + color-coded trailer cabins

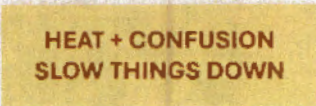
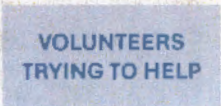


The goal: make it easy to see which dog needs a break next and where every dog belongs.

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The current challenge

When it is hard to track who has been out, some dogs wait longer than they should.



In the trailer setup, volunteers may not easily know:

- Which dogs have already been walked
- What time each dog last got out
- Which dogs are most urgent for a potty break
- Exactly which trailer a dog came from

Even small delays add up when dogs are housed outside in extreme heat and volunteers are moving between multiple trailers.

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Solution 2: color-code each trailer cabin

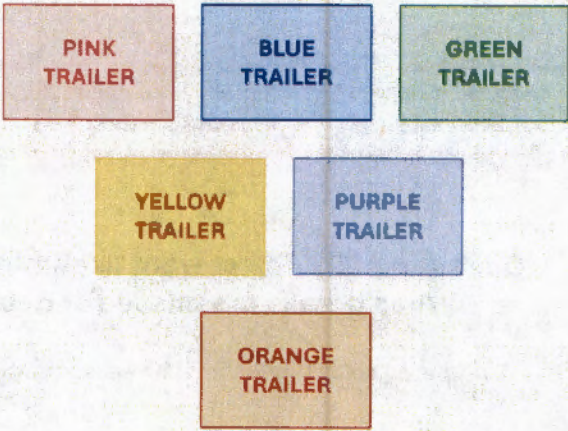
Paint shutters and/or doors a different color so locations are easy to remember.

COLOR MEMORY HELPS

"I got this dog from the pink cabin."

A simple color cue reduces walking around the kennels trying to figure out where a dog came from.

This matters even more in extreme heat, when sweat is in your eyes and your brain gets fuzzy from working outside.



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Expected impact

Small visual systems can create big improvements in daily flow.



- Why it works:
- The whiteboard tells us who needs to go out next.
 - The color-coded trailer tells us where the dog came from.
 - Volunteers spend less time guessing and more time walking.
 - Dogs get more timely potty breaks and calmer kennel time.

Better information → faster decisions → more breaks → cleaner kennels

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Simple pilot plan

Test the idea, gather feedback, and adjust the system before expanding.



MEASURE SUCCESS BY

- More dogs logged out each day
- Shorter gaps between potty breaks
- Less confusion returning dogs
- Less kennel cleaning from potty accidents
- Volunteer and staff feedback

Low-cost, high-visibility changes that support the dogs, staff, and volunteers every day.