

SON CARE FOUNDATION

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| Job Title: | Lead Trainer (Prison Program Coordinator) | Hourly Pay Rate: | \$27-\$30 |
| Department: | New Life K9s | Travel Required: | Yes |
| Location: | 173 Buckley Road, San Luis Obispo, CA | Position Type: | Full-time Hourly |

Objective: To help New Life K9s produce healthy, happy, confident, and reliable service dogs.

Primary Role and Responsibilities

- The primary role for this position is Prison Program Coordination.
- Through the use of effective dog training methods, educate incarcerated individuals to teach dogs the skills necessary to become service dogs for disabled Veterans or First Responders.
- Monitor the progress of the dogs in the program and work with the incarcerated handlers to ensure each dog is set up for success.
- Help read journals and homework assignments from the dog handlers of assigned teams and provide written feedback.
- Communicate with the New Life K9s team and prison liaisons to ensure the program continues to operate successfully.
- Assist with tracking each incarcerated individual's rehabilitative progress.
- Attend training and seminars to stay up to date with the service dog training community and prison rehabilitation methods.
- Keep the New Life K9s database up to date and accurate.
- Suggest changes to procedures, policies, and program material to ensure New Life K9s provides effective rehabilitation for incarcerated individuals.

Other Duties

- Teach potential service dog recipients how to work with their matched dog during placement.
- Attend community events to educate the public about service dogs, and raise awareness and gain support for the New Life K9s program.
- Participate in New Life K9s team meetings to continue staff dog training development
- Follow up with Service Dog recipients as scheduled to assess adherence to ADI standards.
- Assist Service Dog recipients with additional training as needed.
- Help maintain the cleanliness of the New Life K9s campus grounds
- Assist with public outings with puppy raisers and/or assigned dogs, as needed
- Assist with the training of dogs at New Life K9s campus grounds and out in public
- Grooming of dogs at New Life K9s campus grounds
- Pick up or drop off dogs from prison programs
- Help with other needs under the discretion of the Program Manager

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Qualifications and Education Requirements

- You must be passionate about working with people and dogs.
- At least three years of experience in training service dogs with positive dog training methods.
- Experience training service dogs parallel to ADI standards is highly preferred.
- Experience interacting with justice-involved individuals is preferred.
- Must be comfortable navigating Mac Operating Systems, Google Docs, task management programs, and online database systems.
- You must be able to obtain a Contractor card from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation once hired. This process includes a thorough background check.

Additional Notes

- This is a full-time position.
- Position will be hourly. Maximum total hours per week will be 40.
- Starting pay is based on experience.
- Typical work week would be Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00am to 6:00pm.
- Traveling to California State Prisons using a company vehicle is required.
- 15 days of Paid Time Off (PTO) per year (can be used for vacation or sick time).
- Free daycare, boarding, and grooming services for your own pets at Thousand Hills Pet Resort.
- 25% off pet dog training services at Gentle Touch Pet Training.
- 6 paid holidays (Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's).
- \$130 monthly health insurance premium reimbursement program (QSEHRA).
- Reports directly to New Life K9s Program Manager.

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