



Job Title: Assistance Dog Trainer
Reports to: Lead Trainer/Director of Programs
Location: Columbia, SC

Overview of Responsibilities and Duties: Train assistance dogs, and volunteers who work with dogs.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Train a string of 6-8 dogs at a time
- Assist with care of assistance puppies and dogs in training in a home, and when needed prison environment.
- Communicate with volunteer trainers and director on dog training issues
- Assist/Support the management of dog files and training logs
- Transport puppies and dogs as needed in personal vehicle as well as PAALS van
- Assist with general dog health care and veterinary visits
- Assist with Maintaining animal supply inventory
- Assist with animal assisted intervention programs
- Groom and enrich dogs in training
- Assist with assessment and acquisition of potential canines

Secondary Responsibilities:

- Assist with breeding/whelping and puppy development program
- Keep work environment to include kennels, floors, and work space regularly cleaned
- Help keep yards maintained and sanitized for the dogs as well as other outdoor spaces
- Work with weekend fosters as required
- Work with volunteers as assigned
- Maintain good relationships with all volunteers
- Timely computer record maintenance, phone correspondence, and email communication
- Administrative task completion as requested
- Assist in fundraising/development work as requested
- Participate in presentations and fund raising/marketing opportunities

Qualifications:

- At least 2 years' experience in operant conditioning-based training, preferably with assistance dogs.
******Prefer experience with ADI accredited program and/or IMATA and/or AZA candidates**
- Computer proficiency in Word, PowerPoint, and Excel programs
- Outstanding communications skills, both written and verbal
- Exceptional interpersonal skills
- High attention to detail
- Ability to multi-task
- Clean driving record
- Background check



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The employee is frequently required to stand, bend, stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl and perform a variety of physical motions with his or her hands, arms, shoulders, legs to properly test, transport and train dogs. The employee must be able to manipulate and use all equipment and tools necessary to care for and transport dogs, including leashes, medicines, locking medicines, balance harnesses, wheelchairs, and clickers used for training. The employee may lift and move up to 50 pounds. We do NOT use any aversive tools and applicant must be willing to learn positive training methods.

Salary: \$13-16hr based on experience

Benefits: Paid Time off, holidays, birthdays

- PAALS does **NOT** currently offer medical/dental benefits at this time.

Hours: 40 hours/week, must be available 8-6 M-F, some holidays/weekends as needed along with overnights when coverage is needed.

To Apply: Please send cover letter, resume, and references to Director of Programs;
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