

ADW Instructor/Trainer

Job Description

Assistance Dogs of the West (ADW) builds successful working partnerships between clients and dogs that empower people and open doors to new opportunities. ADW's compassionate training approach facilitates the deepest possible bond between humans and animals and models best practices in social-relationship interactions.

Position Title:	Instructor/Trainer
Position Type:	Full time or Part time, non-exempt
Compensation:	Commensurate with Experience
Reports to:	Senior Vice President/Program

Director

Our ideal candidate will provide basic obedience, behavior modification and custom task training (in particular service dogs tasks) to meet the needs of clients. ADW utilizes positive reinforcement (clicker training) and relationship-based training methods, which adhere to the training requirements and standards required by Assistance Dogs International (ADI) and our agency. The essential functions that follow are intended only as an illustration of the various types of work that may be required.

Proficient in Positive Reinforcement techniques, methodologies, practices and applications. Minimum of two/three years.

Comfortable in an environment that supports clients with special needs and disabilities along with Veterans, Personnel working in the investigation and prosecution of crimes (District Attorney Offices, Children's Advocacy Centers, Domestic Violence Shelters and CASAs), First Responders, Crisis Response Handlers on Rapid Deployment Teams and Law Enforcement.

Skilled in teaching individual and/or group classes.

Practiced in facility and kennel maintenance, dog care, and young litters, with a willingness to explore and learn science-based enrichment protocols.

Able to handle a physically demanding job.

Willing to travel both in-state and out-of-state as needed.

At ease participating in demonstrations, public events, ADW Graduation.

This job operates in a professional office environment, canine training facilities, surrounding areas, client homes, agencies, communities outside of Santa Fe and at our Puppy Enrichment Center. A valid driver's license in good standing is necessary, along with current vehicle insurance. The candidate must be authorized to work in the United States.

ADW is an equal opportunity employer and adhere to equal consideration and treatment without regard to individual race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, domestic partner state, martial status, disability, AIDS/HIV status, height, weight or any other protected group status as defined by law.

To Apply: Please submit a cover letter, current resume and three references to info@assistancedogsofthewest.org