



Job Title: Stage 2 Dog Trainer

Location: Waverly, Iowa

Organization: *Retrieving Freedom was founded by Charles Dwyer and Scott Dewey as a non-profit in October 2011.*

Mission Statement: *"Retrieving Freedom, Inc. trains service dogs for wounded Veterans and Children with Autism to allow a new degree of independence in their partner's lives."*

Position: Recipient Liaison/Certified Assistant Dog Trainer

The preferred stage 2 Dog Trainer is someone that has experience training dogs in a respective field as well as working with volunteers, other trainers, and recipients of the dogs. In addition to having an understanding of dog learning theories, the Stage 2 Trainer will need strong skills in public speaking, company policies, fundraising, and team building.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Dog Training
 - Main area of focus will be on the Stage 1 and Stage 2 training dogs
 - Puppy temperament testing
 - Temperament testing dogs entering into Stage 2 training
 - Specific task training
 - Lead Program Teacher – "Train the Trainer"
 - Student Training Programs
 - Prison Classes
 - Foster Home Classes
 - Teacher Program Classes
 - Review all the Volgistics Training Reports of Stage 1 and 2 dogs in Dog Tracker
 - Assist with:
 - Recipient training
 - Placements/Public Access Testing
 - Recipient Follow-ups/Training
 - Training Supply Inventory
 - Inventory all items needed for Stage 1 and 2, turn in inventory and purchase order sheets to inventory leader.
- Public Awareness
 - Participate in weekly public awareness events
 - Discuss and encourage contributions to the RFI organization
 - Participate in facility tours with donors
- Dog Care
 - Assist when needed with dog care and kennels
 - Report health issues/concerns to the location Director of Operations

- Keep current on Dog Tracker
- Provide feedback on commands and training from the perspective of a recipient
- Contribute to organization and planning of fundraising events
- Answering the phone and taking messages when necessary
- Report to and partner with the location Director of Operations, Stage 3 Trainer, and Director of Training and Placement
- Other miscellaneous tasks requested by the location Director of Operations

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or task/trade specific schooling/experience preferred.
- 2 or more years' experience in relevant dog training
- Demonstrated excellence in organizational, communication, leadership, and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated excellence in written skills
- Some travel required

Hours: 40 hours / nonexempt

Contact:

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