



Join our Team

The Position

The Guide Dog Foundation and America's VetDogs have a unique employment opportunity for a **Service Dog Training/Class Supervisor & Apprentice Program Manager** at our campus in Smithtown, NY (Long Island). This position reports to the Chief Program Officer and is responsible for developing apprentices to become members of a high-profile group of certified service dog instructors. This includes preparing dogs for consumers, apprentice development as well as guiding and evaluating class instructors in matching dogs to students to assure safe, quality dog/person teams. As a high level member of our Training Department, this position assumes a number of ancillary duties outside class, apprentice and dog training responsibilities.

We're looking for someone who has the experience of training service dogs, is results driven and is passionate about growth, innovation and collaboration.

Qualifications

- Qualified ADI Instructor status or has completed a service dog apprentice program who has the ability to train positive reinforcement training methodology. Bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience preferred.
- Capable of safely handling a variety of large breed dogs, weighing up to 90 pounds with varying strength and manageability.
- Able to communicate via voice mail and e-mail, able to effectively use Microsoft Office, spreadsheets and database applications. Possess excellent time management and organizational skills.
- Be able to travel regularly for extended periods (approximately 12 days), capable of working weekends, holidays and occasional overnight. Be willing to attend training seminars to further education and receive additional certifications in the service dog field.
- Have a valid driver's license in good standing and be able to drive a car or van or bus. Have authorization to work in the United States.



Compensation Package

We offer competitive wages, a comprehensive benefits program which includes an outstanding 403(b) plan, tuition reimbursement and generous paid time off. (subject to eligibility)

How to Apply

Please send your resume and cover letter to
Loretta@GuideDog.org



Service Dog Instructor

The Position

The Guide Dog Foundation and America's VetDogs have a unique employment opportunity for a **Service Dog Instructor** at our campus in Smithtown, NY (Long Island). This position reports to the Service Dog Program Manager and is responsible for training "client ready" service/hearing/seizure/facility/combo dogs and effective student handler/graduate instruction in the use of those dogs. Instructors are responsible for the quality of Class training as well as for any apprentices' dog and student training that is assigned.

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Qualifications

- Qualified ADI Instructor status or who has one to two years' experience as an Instructor. Familiar with positive reinforcement training methodology.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Two or more years of college level courses in animal husbandry, physical education, psychology, teaching or allied fields.
- Must have authorization to work in the United States. Must have a valid driver's license in good standing and able to travel throughout the US to perform home/military base training and aftercare visits.
- Must be able to maintain a string of dogs which includes walking a minimum of 2 miles per day. Capable of safely handling a variety of large breed dogs, weighing up to 90 pounds with varying strength and manageability.
- Able to communicate via voice mail and e-mail, able to effectively use Microsoft Office, spreadsheets and database applications. Possess excellent time management and organizational skills.
- Must be capable of working weekends and holidays, in the event that a placement is scheduled or assisting at a special event.



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