

Pet Education Training Assistant Volunteer

Purpose:

Support our Dog Training Program, working alongside Napa Humane's dog training team and our Pet Education Program Manager.

Location:

Napa Humane's Pet Education Center, located at 3149 Suite J/K California Boulevard in Napa.

Shifts:

Training Assistants may be requested to commit to a single day (typically 2-4 hours) to provide support through classes. Training Assistants may be requested to aid at specialty training events. We ask for at least a 2 month commitment.

Duties Include:

- Arranging exercise pens, chairs and dog barriers
- Preparation and cleanup for training events
- Assisting the trainer in demonstrations
- Reiterating training points covered in class and providing minimal coaching to class attendees, while referring any questions regarding the training content outside of the class topic or regarding behavior modification to the Lead Trainer
- General Cleaning, such as sweeping, mopping, dishes and cleaning up the Dog Relief area
- Other duties as assigned

Skills and Qualities Needed:

- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Must have at least 6 months of experience volunteering or working with dogs in a professional environment
- Must have a basic understanding of training mechanics and leash handling
- Must be confident in communicating with class attendees and must follow along throughout the class so they can reiterate teaching points to aid in coaching class attendees
- Must have knowledge of dog body language basics and learning
- Professional, effective, and timely communication
- Volunteers must be committed to keeping the classroom and learning environment a positive space free of fear, pain and intimidation for all humans and pets in attendance of our programs.

Summary of Environmental Working Conditions

- May work both indoors and outdoors in all weather conditions during both daylight and after dark.
- Frequent exposure to loud noise, odors, and animal waste.
- Walks on paved and unpaved surfaces and flooring that may be uneven and may be wet or dry.
- Exposure to animals that are agitated that may attempt to bite or scratch.

To Apply:

Please complete and submit the online volunteer application and write Pet Education Training Support as your area of interest. Once your application is reviewed, you will be contacted by the Pet Education Manager to discuss your availability.