**Job Title:** Assistant Trainer

**Job Description:** Chesapeake Dog Training is looking for a balanced trainer to join our dynamic team. We are seeking a trainer who can assist with managing daycare and provide basic handling and training for dogs in the care of CDT. This position requires the ability to read and interpret dog behavior in order to steer social interactions for a positive outcome. The ideal candidate is able to assess dog behavior, provide basic obedience training, and can thrive in a fast-paced environment; working as a team or independently. This position offers opportunities to learn and grow in the company, to take on more skilled/advanced training roles for the right candidate.

**About Chesapeake Dog Training:**   
CDT is a training facility that has been successfully serving the Annapolis area for over 10 years and has expanded to a new location in Millersville, MD in 2020. CDT helps owners live harmoniously with their pet dogs, by helping them better understand and communicate with their dogs by creating clarity in communication through training. We focus on obedience training, behavior modification, puppy raising/training, and improving state of mind issues. CDT uses a blend of methods and training styles, applying both positive reinforcement and corrections when needed.

Chesapeake Dog Training provides a fun, team-oriented work environment and is comprised of animal trainers and professionals with diverse and interesting backgrounds. The CDT team is open minded, professional, passionate, and values integrity above all.

**Key Responsibilities and Duties:**

* Assist trainers in dog handling and managing a structured socialization environment by following CDT training and safety protocol
* Read and interpret dog behavior in order to appropriately guide and steer social interactions for positive outcomes
* Train dogs for basic obedience (Heel, Sit/Stay, Down/Stay, Place, Come)
* Assist with setting up and cleaning the facility, kennels, supplies, etc.
* Provide professional and quality customer service to clients
* Provide basic care and husbandry to dogs in CDT’s care; including feeding, medicating, walking, and grooming.

**Additional Responsibilities and Duties:**

* Assist with daily administrative duties as well as other admin tasks as assigned
* Assist with general cleaning projects and facility maintenance

**Hours:** The Assistant Trainer is a part-time position (approx. 16-30 hours per week). This position requires some flexibility in schedule and location worked either Millersville or Annapolis facility). Daytime availability is required and may include working one weekend day.

**Pay:** Pay rate is hourly and determined by experience and skill set.

**Required Skills:**

* 1 or more years of working with dogs or other animals in some capacity;
  + Experience with operant conditioning and negative reinforcement
  + Must be comfortable with using prong and e-collars
* Strong communication skills (oral and written) and comfortable working with all types of people and personalities
* Ability to read and interpret animal behavior (dogs and humans) and make good judgement calls
* Ability to multi-task, remain organized, and function independently or in a team environment
* Common core values with CDT training methods and equipment
* Skilled with technology; must be able to easily navigate Gmail and the client portal software system
* Candidate must be able to maintain professional and positive relationships with clients
* Must have valid driver’s license and reliable transportation
* Must be physically able to:
  + Stand for 5 hours;
  + Bend down/up regularly and move quickly
  + Lift /carry up to 40lbs

**Desired Traits**

* Fast Learner
* Self-starter
* Articulate/strong communication skills
* Highly organized
* Strong work ethic
* Detail oriented
* Adaptable and creative
* Interested in continued education in the dog training field

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