**Job Title:** Dog Trainer

**Job Description:** Chesapeake Dog Training is looking for an experienced balanced trainer to join our dynamic team. We are seeking a trainer who can teach private lessons and group classes. This position is a people job, as it requires the ability to teach humans about dog behavior and training. The ideal candidate is able to independently assess dog (and human) behavior, train dogs to a high level, as well as teach owners how to understand, connect with, and train their dog.

**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. CDT helps owners live harmoniously with their pet dogs, by helping owners 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.

**Hours/Pay:** Requires flexibility in schedule and availability on weekends and evenings. Both part-time and full-time positions are available for the right candidate. Pay rate determined by experience and skill set.

**Key Responsibilities and Duties:**

* Teach private lessons: at the facility as well as in client’s homes
* Teach group classes at the facility
* Independently assess dog and human behavior in order to come up with individualized training plans that best suit each client
	+ Train dogs for basic obedience (Heel, Sit/Stay, Down/Stay, Place, Come)
	+ Ability to develop training programs for behavior medication and eradicating unwanted behaviors
* Facilitate the scheduling of group and private lessons and maintain accurate client records

**Additional Responsibilities and Duties:**

* Assist with cleaning and facility maintenance
* Answer phone calls and provide information for new and existing students
* Assist with dog handling and daycare/socialization sessions
* Assist with care of boarding dogs and training dogs in the Board and Train and Day School Programs

**Required Skills:**

* 2 or more years of training dogs or other animals in some capacity;
	+ Experience with operant conditioning and negative reinforcement
* 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)
* Experience in customer service, teaching, mentoring, or managing people
* Common core values with CDT training methods and equipment
* Skilled with technology; Gmail and client portal software
* Candidate must be able to maintain professional and positive relationships with clients
* Must have valid drivers license and reliable transportation
* Must be physically able to bend down/up regularly and to lift /carry up to 40lbs

**Desired Traits**

* Integrity
* Compassionate
* Articulate
* Highly organized
* Ability to thrive in a team environment and work independently
* Strong work ethic
* Detail oriented
* Adaptable and creative
* Interested in continued education in the dog training field

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