

Canine Care & Training Assistant



About Us

For the Love of Dogs is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities through unique opportunities in the veterinary and animal care sector. Our goals are to provide people with disabilities opportunities for social connection through interactions with dogs, training and supported employment in the animal care industries.

About the Role

We're seeking a passionate individual with **experience in the disability sector** to join our team as a **Canine Care & Training Assistant**. This role plays an important part in bridging the gap between our dog and people programs, supporting participants in their studies while ensuring high standards of care, enrichment, and training for the dogs in our program.

This hands-on position suits someone who is calm, confident, and comfortable working with dogs of all breeds and temperaments, as well as supporting people in a learning environment. You'll assist with daily routines across our daycare and training programs, implement enrichment and behaviour plans, and help prepare dogs for participant-led sessions and grooming.

Working closely with our People Programs team, you'll help create a **safe, structured, and inclusive space** where both dogs and people can thrive.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide consistent, compassionate care and supervision for dogs in daycare
- Manage group play safely using positive reinforcement and behaviour-based techniques
- Support training and enrichment routines under the guidance of senior team members
- Assist in preparing dogs for grooming and participant sessions
- Record behavioural observations and report any health or welfare concerns
- Help deliver participant training days, guiding safe and respectful handling
- Maintain hygiene, infection control, and safety standards across all areas

About You

- Experience working in a dog daycare, kennel, rescue, or similar environment
- Confident and calm handling skills with a strong understanding of dog behaviour
- Familiarity with positive training methods and enrichment techniques
- Compassionate, reliable, and proactive
- Enjoys working in a team environment and supporting others
- Values inclusion and takes a supportive approach when working with people of all abilities
- Current Police Check and Working with Children Check

Desirable:

- Experience in the disability sector or supporting people with disabilities
- Qualifications in dog training, behaviour, or animal care (e.g. Certificate III in Dog Behaviour and Training, Certificate II/III in Animal Studies, or equivalent)



What We Offer

- A rewarding role within a purpose-driven, inclusive organisation
- Competitive salary based on experience and qualifications
- Opportunities to develop skills in animal care and participant support
- Supportive and collaborative team culture
- The opportunity to develop your skills while contributing to a program that makes a difference

How to Apply

Please complete the form on our [website](#). Applications will be reviewed as they are received, so don't wait - apply early to avoid missing out.

If you have any questions, please email hello@loveofdogs.org.au. We'll give you a call back when we can. Please don't call the centre directly, as our team are busy caring for the pups!