Pets Helping People Job Description for Volunteer Training Staff

Pets Helping People (PHP) is seeking additional training support (2-3 trainers) for our pet therapy (Animal Assisted Interactions) training program. This is a part-time (approximately 2.5 - 6 hours per month) volunteer position that makes an important contribution to pet therapy services, serving people in need of comfort and support in our community. This is an opportunity to expand your network of clients, establish or enhance your brand as a top trainer in the area.

PHP is a local nonprofit founded in 1998 on the premise that a dog's unconditional love, when paired with compassionate humans, is a remarkable source of community support and comfort. PHP's mission is to improve the lives of the vulnerable and others through animal-assisted (pet therapy) interactions. Services include: training and accreditation, collaborations, education and awareness, Waggin' Tails (a therapy performance troupe) and Comfort Paws (stress relief visits and public events). PHP provides services in the metro Milwaukee and four county areas. This is not "service dog" training.

Where: Our classes are held at Congregational Home located at 13900 W Burleigh Rd in Brookfield…easy access off of Hwy 41/45.

When: An Assessment is the first step. Assessments are held before the 2nd week of class at 6pm.
            After the teams pass, they sign up for a 4-week pet therapy training program.

- 1st week is Orientation without the dogs. Class is conducted by other team members
- 2nd week is Assessment at 6pm and Training Class at 7pm concludes at 8:30pm (2.5 hours)
- 3rd week is Training Class at 7pm and concludes at 8:30pm (1.5 hours)
- 4th week is Test Night at 7pm and concludes at 8:30pm (1.5 hours)

Qualities and capabilities:

The qualified applicant would have experience with obedience training in a group setting and be well versed in canine body language and behavior. Candidate will also follow "Positive/Force Free" Reinforcement and be comfortable with leading and/or co-leading the class with other trainers. Good interpersonal communication skills.

Prefer the following credentials:

- Certified AKC Canine Good Citizen Instructor and Evaluator
- Certified Professional Dog Trainer
- Member of the Pet Professional Guild
- Member of Force Free Trainers of WI

If interested and want more details, the PHP 5-Step Training program document is available upon request.

If you would like to apply, please submit an application.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Pets Helping People Application for Volunteer Training Staff Position

Name _____

Address _____ City/State _____

Zip _____ Phones: Home_____Cell_____

E-Mail _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Do you have any limitations that will restrict your volunteering? _____ Please explain _____

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Have you ever been accused or convicted of a crime? _____ Please explain:_____

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How were you referred to us? _____

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Why do you want to volunteer here? _____

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What skills or talents would you like to use? _____

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What do you want to gain from your volunteer experience? _____

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Related Credentials – Please check all that are applicable:

☐ Certified AKC Canine Good Citizen Instructor and Evaluator
☐ Certified Professional Dog Trainer - please list the certifying organization(s)_____
☐ Member of the Pet Professional Guild
☐ AKC trick dog instructor and evaluator
☐ Member of Force Free Trainers of WI
☐ Other memberships or affiliations_____
☐ Other_____

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Most Recent or Current Employment (please include a copy of your resume)

Company _____Address _____

Position _____ Length of Employment _____

Current or Past Volunteer Experiences

Agency _____ Address _____

Position _____ Phone _____ Dates _____

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References (Do not list family or friends)

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

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The above information is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge, without consequential omissions of any kind. I authorize the organizations and persons named to release any information requested regarding my service, character and qualifications. I understand that the agency may do a background check. I acknowledge that by completing this application the agency is not obligated to offer me a volunteer position.

Signature _____ Date _____

Thanks for your interest in volunteering!

For office use

Date Received_____

_____ Interview   _____ Orientation

_____ Reference check   _____ Background check

_____ Vol/Agency Agreement   _____ 5-Step Training Program

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