



Lutheran Church Charities

Assistant Trainer, LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry

Position Description

Title Assistant Trainer, LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry

Department K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry

Reports to Director, K-9 Ministry

Position summary

This position assists with training of K-9 comfort dogs, and shares responsibilities for preparing dogs to meet the requirements of the LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry. Person must be committed to the mission of LCC with the ability to witness and share their Christian faith to develop and nurture others in their Christian walk.

General Responsibilities

- Under the direction of LCC's K-9 training staff, learn and utilize LCC's training curriculum and methodologies to train LCC K-9 Ministry puppies in a reproducible method with a goal to have trained and finished dogs in about 18 - 24 months from the start of training. This includes but is not limited to: training, socializing, nurturing and boarding of dogs in training.
- Give progress updates for dogs in training to K9 training team.
- Attend and assist with apprentice trainer and Affiliate handler and caregiver classes.
- Board comfort dogs in training in order to train, socialize and evaluate how dog is in the home, and incorporate learning into additional training plans.
- Take dogs to veterinary clinic appointments.
- Groom LCC K-9 Ministry dogs.
- Other duties as assigned.

Skills Required

- Some experience in handling and training dogs in obedience, manners and socialization techniques preferred.
- Confidence to handle and train golden retrievers of all temperaments
- Good verbal communication skills with the ability to give clear direction and motivate volunteers and staff
- Excellent communication skills to document puppy's progress including the use of photos and videos
- Team oriented and collaborative
- Able to easily bend, kneel and walk while training dogs and handlers
- Basic computer skills including Microsoft Windows and Outlook
- Willingness to perform all required tasks including cleaning, organizing, etc.

Physical Requirements

Requires ability to work indoors and outdoors in a variety of settings with repeated walking, standing, bending, stooping and kneeling in a variety of settings, and at times on uneven surfaces during training of dogs, handlers and when required to deploy.

Disclaimer

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this position. They are not to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required of personnel so classified.