



## **Lead Certified Professional Dog Trainer**

Wholistic Hound Academy is a premier, award-winning training and learning center for people and their dogs located in Alexandria, Virginia. We are growing and are seeking a qualified and certified professional, positive reinforcement dog trainer to help us expand our dog training programs and services. We offer both in-person (using CDC guidelines) and virtual group puppy and adult dog training classes, workshops, private lessons, and an innovative Puppy and Dog Day Training program.

Ideal candidate will have at least 3-5 years of progressive experience using positive, force-free, reward-based methods teaching clients how to train their dogs to learn life skills and good behaviors, as well as, changing inappropriate and unwanted behaviors. Advanced training skills and hands-on experience teaching and coaching people and their dogs to modify fear, anxiety, reactivity, and other behaviors, is preferred. Candidate should also be well-versed in clicker (marker) training, use positive methods, have a professional and positive attitude, interested in expanding their knowledge in the animal behavior field, and enjoy coaching people. A solid understanding of how dogs think and how they learn is essential.

Candidates will have previous and progressive management or lead experience and be well-versed in positive reinforcement application of behavior science and learning theory. In addition, one or more of the following certifications is preferred: CPDT, CDBC, CAAB, KPA, PMCT, or equivalent approved certifications. This position is full-time and may grow to overseeing a number of Academy programs and services.

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