



## Certified Professional Dog Trainer

Due to our well-respected reputation in our community, as well as, the high demand for our services, Wholistic Hound Academy is seeking experienced dog trainers and behavior consultants, as we continue to expand our programs and services. This position is part-time but could expand to full-time for the right person.

Wholistic Hound Academy is the premier, award-winning training and learning center for people and their dogs located in Alexandria, Virginia. We are growing and seeking qualified and professional candidates who will reflect the high-quality standards of this dynamic and state-of-the-art dog training organization. We offer in-person group puppy and adult dog training classes, workshops, private lessons, and an innovative Puppy and Dog Day Training program.

We have an immediate opening in our one-of-a-kind Puppy and Dog Day Academy. This position offers room for growth and opportunities for you to imprint your knowledge and skills as we continue to expand this very popular program. Successful candidates will have demonstrated experience in conducting group classes and/or private training sessions, specifically related to canine life skills, foundation skills, and behavior modification. Applicants will be well-versed in clicker (marker) method training, positive reinforcement training methods and techniques and have a solid understanding of the science behind these methods. Advanced training skills and hands-on experience teaching and coaching people and their dogs to modify fear, anxiety, reactivity, and other behaviors, is preferred. Candidates will have a optimistic and professional attitude, and be willing to expand their knowledge by learning from some of the best in the industry. And, of course, applicants must love working with, teaching, coaching, and connecting with people, along with their love of dogs. Strong written and verbal communication skills are a must.

Candidates will have a **minimum of 2-3 years'** experience preferred and be well-versed in positive reinforcement application of behavior science and learning theory. In addition, applicants should have at least one of the following certifications: CPDT, CDBC, CAAB, KPA, PMCT, or equivalent approved certifications.

Wholistic Hound Academy team members are employees. We handle student enrollments, scheduling, marketing, payroll and taxes, training equipment and supplies.

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