



Dog Training Apprentice

Wholistic Hound Academy is the premier, award-winning training and education center for people and their dogs located in Alexandria, Virginia. We are growing and seeking Dog Training Apprentices to join our team. Candidates will reflect the high-quality standards of this dynamic and innovative dog training organization. We offer both in-person (using CDC guidelines) and virtual group puppy/adult dog training classes, workshops, private lessons, and an innovative Day Academy Program.

The Apprentice Program is designed for the individual who has the talent, drive and desire to become a professional dog trainer. Our staff is led by Sandy Modell, CPDT-KA, who has been teaching people how to train their dogs using positive methods for over 20 years. Sandy has learned and continues to learn from some of the best pioneers in the field of positive reinforcement training. The program includes academic study, observation and participation in actual in-session classes and private lessons, practical dog training projects and a significant amount of practice teaching people how to successfully handle, train and relate to dogs. Ideal candidates will be interested in pursuing dog training as a career goal. Candidates in the process of completing courses or needing hours to qualify for a CPDT, CDBC, CAAB, KPA or equivalent approved certifications, are preferred, but willing to train the right candidate.

As a Wholistic Hound Academy Dog Training Apprentice, you will need to be as comfortable communicating with people as you are with dogs. A love and skill for working with people, as much as a love for dogs, is essential to becoming a successful dog trainer.

We are looking for team players who love the challenges and rewards of working with dogs and their owners. While being a team player is a must, you must also be comfortable working with some degree of independence and with minimal day-to-day guidance, while partnering well with the team members at the Academy.

Our apprentice positions involve part-time weekday, evenings, and weekend work. The apprenticeship lasts approximately one year. Successful completion of the program may offer apprentices the opportunity to become a professional dog trainer with Wholistic Hound Academy.

While some Apprentice programs charge a steep fee, Wholistic Hound Academy currently offers a tuition-free apprentice program, in which our top trainers will teach the apprentice for a period of up to one year, in exchange for the Apprentice assisting with Academy duties, tasks, and training, while building their training knowledge and skills towards becoming a professional dog trainer.

Please send resume with cover letter of interest to info@wholistichound.com