



# Dogs for Diabetics, Inc.

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## **PART-TIME MEDICAL-ALERT ASSISTANCE DOG TRAINER:**

### **OVERALL SUMMARY:**

Dogs for Diabetics (D4D) is an innovative service dog organization, first in the world to be accredited by Assistance Dogs International to provide hypoglycemic alert dogs to assist insulin-dependent diabetics. D4D is seeking professionals interested in working in an entrepreneurial environment to assist in the development of its highly-recognized program.

The Part-Time Medical-Alert Assistance Dog Trainer will support D4D's dog training, dog management and will undertake other routine duties as assigned. This individual will play a role in training D4D's dogs to provide their critical alerts to identify the onset of hypoglycemia incidents for their insulin-dependent diabetic handlers.

D4D is supplementing its professional dog training staff in order to increase its ability to support a growing client base and address the significant demand for its unique medical-alert assistance dogs. This individual will work within D4D's volunteer service model, using the donated services of training assistants and foster families to supplement all dog and client training activities. Accordingly, the individual selected to fill this role will need to function well in a team environment with D4D management, staff, volunteers and clients.

### **POSITION ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

- Report to D4D's Programs Manager.
- Train program dogs in obedience, scent detection, alerting behaviors, and other service dog skills as deemed necessary for successful placement with a D4D client, under organizational standards and protocols.
- Assist and work with volunteers in training room organization, set-up, and clean-up on a daily basis.
- Assist Programs Manager in maintaining scent-discrimination protocols and procedures.
- Evaluate donated dog's ability to work as a medical alert dog and work in various environments as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and Assistance Dogs International criteria.
- Assist Programs manager to problem solve, evaluate and innovate training methods to enhance our training programs.
- Interface and assist in training of volunteers, foster care providers and clients in one-on-one and group settings.
- Assist Programs Manager in maintaining accurate records for D4D's dogs.
- Adhere to D4D's policies and procedures and helps others to do the same.
- Promptly report incidents and accidents according to D4D safety policies and procedures.
- Undertake other duties as assigned by D4D staff and management.



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## **POSITION ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Experience working with service dogs.
- Experience working with clients and their dogs.
- Knowledge and practical experience in using positive dog training methods.
- Knowledge and experience in “marker-based” training methods.
- Knowledgeable about dog health and care.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills to interact effectively with staff, clients, volunteers, vendors and public.
- Experience working with volunteers.
- Ability to provide direction to multiple volunteers in a positive manner.
- Self-starter, able to follow written and oral instructions, and manage time efficiently and without direct supervision.
- Ability to lift at least 50 lb.
- Ability to safely handle a variety of large breed dogs (up to 100 lb) with varying strength and manageability.
- Ability to squat, bend, lift and reach for extended periods.
- Ability to walk with and manage a large-breed dog for a minimum of one mile without resting.
- Ability to stand on a concrete floor for up to 8 hours in a day.
- Have a basic understanding of Microsoft operating systems MS Word, MSEXcel, and general computer skills.
- High school diploma or equivalent.

## **POSITION SPECIFICATIONS:**

- Flexibility in scheduling up to 30 hours per week.
- Scheduled evening work will be required.
- Scheduled weekend work may be required.
- Position subject to skills assessment in managing training of large-breed dogs, using positive reinforcement techniques.



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**COMPENSATION:** To be negotiated based on training, experience and background.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:** Work will be indoors and outdoors performing dog and client training; computer-based record keeping; maintenance, canine grooming and health-related duties.

**SAFETY HAZARDS:** Subject to hazards that can be caused by working with animals, their medications as well as cleaning chemicals. Activities include regular and/or repeated walking, standing, bending, stooping, and kneeling.

**REQUIRED LICENSES:** Must have a Current California Driver's license with an insurable driving record at normal risk rates.