



## Behavior Specialist

FSLA Classification

Full-Time, Non-Exempt, Temporary, Tier 5

**REPORTS TO:** Behavior Coordinator

**DIVISION:** Operations

**DEPARTMENT:** Animal Care

**PROGRAM:** Behavior

### JOB DESCRIPTION

#### Summary/Objective

This position provides education and training to members of the public to assist with responsible pet ownership. This also requires experience in dog training and education in reading and assessing dog body-language of sheltered animals as needed in an effort to help with their adoption.

**Supervisory Responsibilities:** None

#### Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Perform behavior assessments, evaluations, enrichment, training, and modification programs of sheltered animals to ensure adoptability and placement.
- Assist with designing, teaching, oversight, and day-to-day activities of specific classes and behavior programs as assigned.
- Assist pet owners with specific behavior and care needs through the PHS behavior help-line, private consultations, classes assisting with adoptions, and public inquiries, writing of collateral and other department programs as assigned.
- Identify animal behavior and care needs, document, execute, and report to appropriate department.
- Assist with the development of programs and training to work closely with and oversight of volunteers that are assigned and trained in different behavior programs.
- Ensure safe and humane animal handling at all times.
- Clean animal areas if and when assigned.
- Maintain documentation and record keeping for behavior programs as needed.
- As part of shelter care team, monitor animal health, document and report challenges to the appropriate department.
- Assure a safe working environment and actively participate in PHS safety programs.
- Participate as needed in special department projects.
- Work as a team member with other departmental managers.
- Represent PHS at outside meetings, liaison with other organizations and contractors/partners as needed. Make presentations and speak publically on PHS.
- Perform other duties as assigned.



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## Requirements and Qualifications

- Must interact positively with supervisor, management, coworkers, volunteers, and the public to promote a team effort and maintain a positive and professional approach.
- Must come to work regularly and on time, follow directions, take criticism, get along with coworkers and supervisors; treat coworkers, supervisory staff, members and guests with respect courtesy and refrain from abusive, insubordinate and/or violent behavior.
- Ability to lift up to 50lbs

## Skills and Qualifications

- Experience in handling animals, teaching reward based training.
- Experience in behavior and body language, and client communication regarding behavior and training.
- Must work within the confines of established curriculum and protocols as well as offer creative ideas to grow Behavior and Training Department.
- Must follow both oral and written instructions.
- Must have a positive attitude and be willing to work as a team member.
- Minimum high school graduate (or GED/proficiency certificate).
- Dog training certification highly preferred (CPTD, KPA-CTP, CDDBC, ANWI).
- Experience in teaching group or private dog training.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.

## Work Schedule

Schedule will include evening and weekends. Schedule is subject to change.

## Working Conditions

Fast-paced environment with lots of standing, bending, and walking. Exposure to numerous animals including those with uncertain dispositions. Handling of a variety of shelter and owned dogs with unknown behavior.

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