

Primary Function: Work closely with Violence Prevention Humane Education (VPHE) staff to organize, coordinate and implement a 7-week summer camp program for 9-14 year olds. This includes but is not limited to: engaging and monitoring large groups of children; giving presentations and teaching subjects such as pet care, animal behavior, and anti-cruelty; assisting with daily dog training and cattery visits; and leading arts/crafts and outdoor activities.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Manage and care for large groups of children in a responsible, safe, fun, and welcoming manner.
- Lead and assist with presentations on a variety of topics, such as pet care, animal behavior, overpopulation, and careers with animals.
- Lead and assist with arts and crafts, and outdoor activities.
- Assist staff with maintaining safe interactions between campers and all program animals.
- Assist VPHE staff and campers with dog training.
- Assist with coordinating games and indoor activities.
- Prepare daily program supplies.
- Provide shelter tours to campers.
- Assist with camper sign-in and pick-up.
- Assist VPHE staff in any other necessary duties.

Job Related and Essential Qualifications:

Ability to:

- Manage a large group of children in a kind and responsible manner.
- Effectively manage time and activities, and plan accordingly to ensure activities are planned as needed.
- Communicate well with all staff and to work collaboratively in a team setting.
- Communicate with the public in a clear and respectful manner.
- Work comfortably with a variety of ages and backgrounds.
- Work comfortably and safely with dogs and cats of various breeds and sizes.
- Conduct presentations and speak in front of large groups.
- Be motivated, well-organized, and outgoing.
- Demonstrate maturity and good judgment.
- Commit to working all weeks of camp and camp prep.
- Understand and carry out oral and written instructions.
- Perform the job in a professional manner and work efficiently under pressure.
- Follow agency rules and standards responsibly.
- Pass a background check, including Department of Justice, prior to hire.

Other Essential Qualifications:

Physical Demands – While performing this job, the employee is regularly required to use hands and fingers; handle or feel objects, tools, or controls; reach with hands and arms; talk loudly and clearly; and hear. Requires the mobility to stand, walk, sit, kneel, crouch and crawl. Perform work which includes walking large dogs, lifting, carrying and/or pushing of 25 lbs. or more.

Working Conditions – Dealing with a shelter environment in which the noise level is generally moderate, but on occasion will be high. Will be working with children ages 9-14, in indoor and outdoor settings. In the shelter there is possible exposure to parasites and infectious diseases.

Experience and Training:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Experience working with children.
- Animal knowledge and dog handling experience preferred.

Salary Range: \$19/hr. This is a temporary non-exempt position.

Employment Location: P.D. Pitchford Companion Animal Village & Education Center
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Long Beach, CA 90815