



RAD Dog Trainer

Job Description and Person Specification

About RAD Assistance Dogs:

RAD Assistance Dogs is a UK-based charity that supports clients living with a long-term mental health condition and/or autism to train and handle their own assistance dog.

Having empowered a range of clients with our specialised training over the past ten years, RAD is also now a candidate organisation of Assistance Dogs International (ADI) and we are currently going through their accreditation process.

As part of our small but dedicated Dog Training team, you would play a key role in the delivery and ongoing development of our assistance dog training programme.

Hours: 7 per week

Pay scale: £12.70 - £14.10 per hour dependent on experience

Location: Leicester and surrounding areas, with some UK-wide travel

Key responsibilities:

- Delivery of RAD's dog training and assessment programme face to face with clients and online.
- Support the Trustees to develop RAD's services.
- Work with other members of the team to manage individual client issues.
- Participate in awareness raising, fundraising and public relations representing RAD.
- Liaise with schools, colleges, universities and other establishments to secure access for assistance dogs.

Reports to: Chair of Trustees

Working pattern: The working pattern of the post holder is to be agreed with the line manager to meet client needs. The post holder will be expected to work their hours flexibly across the week, including evenings and weekends.





Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relevant professional qualification in dog training from a recognised dog training provider.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Qualification in mental health awareness or similar.• Qualification in pet first aid.• First aid qualification
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge of reward-based/force free training methods.• Awareness of mental health issues and willingness to participate in relevant training.• Knowledge of obligations under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 in respect of animal welfare and health.• Knowledge of the rights afforded to assistance dogs and handlers by the Equality Act 2010.• Understanding of the roles and expected behaviour for assistance dogs.• Knowledge of different breed traits, temperament and health.	
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administration skills and ability to maintain clear records.• Ability to work as part of a team.• Presentation skills.• Ability to communicate with clients with a range of mental health challenges.• Able to provide individual and group dog training via Zoom classes and in person.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to utilise social media.





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to provide written and verbal presentations to a range of organisations.	
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 3 years' professional experience of training dogs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience in training and assessing assistance dogs.• Experience of working with people with mental health diagnoses.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commitment to Inclusion and Equality.• Able to travel across the UK to deliver training and assessments.• Able to work evenings and weekends.• Able to work independently without supervision.• Must have a full UK driving licence and access to a vehicle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to date membership with a recognised dog training or behaviour organisation.



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