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Seeking: **Assistance Dog Instructor, Full Time**

Location: **Edmonton, Alberta, Canada**

### **Our Organization:**

Dogs with Wings Assistance Dog Society (DWW), a registered charitable organization, has been providing assistance dog services in Alberta for over 20 years. We have a solid foundation with a progressive training team offering five programs: guide, service, autism, companion and facility. DWW has grown significantly over the past decade, particularly in our autism and facility programs, to meet the needs of our community. Our training team is backed by a professional support staff and over 300 volunteers who dedicate over 121,000 hours of their time annually. DWW is accredited through *Assistance Dogs International* and *International Guide Dog Federation* and is an active member of *Canadian Association of Guide and Assistance Dogs Schools*.

Dogs with Wings maintains our own breeding program using black and yellow labs exclusively, and is an active member of Assistance Dogs International North American Breeding Cooperative. All puppies and dogs are fostered in private homes and attend weekly or daily training at our spacious training facility.

Dogs with Wings is offering an excellent opportunity for the right candidate looking to join an organization with a clear mandate to assist individuals living with special needs. DWW is client-focused in everything we do.

### **Service Dog Instructor:**

The Service Dog Instructor is an essential member of our training team, handling a string of dogs in multiple programs. Instructors participate in the client assessment process, and are responsible for program determination for dogs, client matching, team training and follow-up services. This is a full time position with a competitive salary and generous benefits package and holidays. Dogs with Wings offers a comprehensive relocation package for the successful candidate.

The successful candidate will:

- Be fully certified as an Instructor through ADI or IGDF
- Have completed post-secondary education in a related field or a minimum of three years equivalent work experience
- Have successfully trained and placed dogs in a minimum of two program areas
- Hold a good driving record meeting the criteria to be licensed to drive in Alberta
- Have excellent written and oral English language skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills

In addition, the candidate must have a demonstrated ability to be self-motivated, be committed to client service excellence, and be willing to undertake skills development to remain current in the industry. The position is primarily Monday to Friday but may occasionally require evening and weekend commitments as well as travel with overnight stays for client training and follow-up services.

**Our Community:**

Edmonton, Alberta's capital city, is a modern metropolitan center with a population over 800,000. Edmonton hosts a multitude of activities for families and individuals including sports from local child and adult leagues to major national teams, and has a vibrant theatre, arts and music community earning it the title of Canada's Festival City. There are excellent schools including a world-class university and several colleges, and an extensive park system for both summer and winter use. Active local communities provide a friendly neighbourhood atmosphere throughout the city.

**Summary:**

- Seeking full time Assistance Dog Instructor with experience in training and placing dogs in guide, service, autism, companion or facility programs.
- Offering competitive salary, generous benefits and holidays.
- Comprehensive relocation package available.

This position will be posted until filled.

To apply, or for more information regarding this position, please contact:

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