



Paws With A Cause®

Field Representative Trainer

BACKGROUND

Paws With A Cause® enhances the independence and quality of life for people with disabilities nationally through custom-trained Assistance Dogs. PAWS® increases awareness of the rights and roles of Assistance Dog Teams through education and advocacy.

SUMMARY

PAWS has placed more than 2,800 Assistance Dogs throughout the country in our 39-year history. We offer a unique approach toward serving our clients through independent contractors called Field Representatives Trainers (Field Reps) Field Reps work with clients in their homes, workplaces, schools and communities to ensure that our client-dog teams become successful and certified PAWS Assistance Dog Teams.

POSITION SUMMARY

Position Title: Field Representative Trainer (Field Rep)

Position Type: Independent Contractor – receive 1099 at the end of the year

Compensation: Varying – dependent on assignment type (Professional Fee + Mileage)

DESCRIPTION

Paws with A Cause® seeks individuals with 6 years dog handling experience for Field Representative service. Field Representatives are independent contractors and not employees. This is not a full-time opportunity and the assignments can be sporadic depending on location. This allows you to provide a service to your community while maintaining your own vocation.

TRAVEL/COVERAGE:

Paws is a national organization, so we recruit people with dog handling experience and people skills to provide direct service to applicants and clients in the Field Rep's coverage area – generally within 150 miles radius. Field Reps should have reliable transportation, provide proof of auto insurance and have the flexibility to schedule sessions with clients with week day, weekend and evening availability. Field Reps meet with clients/applicants in their homes, school, workplace and other local community locations as needed.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Needs Assessment: Conduct in-home interviews with applicants to assess their needs for an Assistance Dog
 - Placement: Teach clients how to use their Assistance Dogs' trained skills in their homes, workplaces, schools and communities from placement through the Assistance Dog Team's PAWS Certification process
 - Re-Train: Maintain client-dog team skills and/or train new tasks with re-train sessions
 - Re-Certification: Conduct re-certification of the client team every 2 years
 - Optional: Assist in raising awareness of PAWS at educational presentations, informational booths and fundraisers – and potentially working with Foster Puppy Clubs
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EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Experienced, Minimum 6 years of experience in basic obedience working with people and their dogs, or equivalent experience in animal behavior and people skills.
 - Desirable Educational Fields: Psychology, Behavioral Modification, Zoology, Sociology, Teaching/Education, Physical/Occupational Therapy
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KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Must have sufficient dog knowledge and handling skills to work with dogs more than 80 lbs.
- Must have the ability to assist people with disabilities in learning to use their Assistance Dog skills at home and in public
- Must have the ability to problem solve with the client and to create practicable solutions
- Desire and patience to work with people with disabilities with empathy, not sympathy
- Must have the ability to be independent, motivated and organized
- Flexibility to schedule training sessions with clients with weekend and evening availability
- Must possess excellent communication skills to effectively present information to others
- Must possess sound judgment, exercise professionalism and maintain a high level of confidentiality
- Must possess a valid driver's license with no restrictions & provide proof of current auto insurance
- Access to reliable transportation and willingness to travel to client residence at least 1 hr. away
- Must provide PAWS with proof of \$1,000,000 General Liability insurances
- Must submit to a criminal background check

TO APPLY

Please send your resume and cover letter to the email address below. A packet of information will be sent out to you with additional information and requirements. All new Field Reps MUST attend one of the Field Rep Orientation Weeks held twice a year – Spring and Fall – at the PAWS National Headquarters in Wayland MI.

If you are interested in this opportunity, contact
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