



Job Posting

Available: Immediately

The Canine Behaviour Specialist is responsible for the emotional health and psychological well-being of all dogs. Other duties include interacting with the public, working with adoptions staff to answer behavioral questions. The position will be responsible for conducting behavioural assessments on all animals in need, development and supervision of behavioural rehabilitation and modification plans, progress reports, euthanasia recommendations and consulting with members of our medical care teams and gaining feedback from our Training Staff team members. Ideally, this position would also be involved in assessing research/data in order to apply best practice techniques to our shelter's behavior modification programs. It is understood that the population of dogs and other animals fluctuates, and at such times the Canine Specialist is responsible for assisting in other shelter functions.

Main Duties/Responsibilities

- Conduct behavioural assessments on all designated animals
- Behavioural case management of animals within the shelters care
- Development and supervision of behavioural rehabilitation and modification plans
- Promote adoption by providing thorough, accurate and up to date animal records
- Maintain accurate records for all dogs in Petpoint and schedule training sessions as needed
- Track length of stay and recommend changes when necessary for animal's emotional and/or physical well-being
- Provide consultation services to clients to help aid in pet retention and provide public behavioural support
- Participation in on-going projects as needed
- Support for Communications Team as behavioural expert on behalf of the Toronto Humane Society

Qualifications

- Strong computer skills; experience with PetPoint an asset
- Animal Handling and Restraint Skills
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- PhD in Animal Science or Welfare or Behaviour, or DACVB
- Additional qualifications as CPDT, KPA are ideal
- Member of IAABC

Reports to: Director of Operations

The Toronto Humane Society is a respectful and inclusive workplace. We are committed to championing accessibility, diversity and equal opportunity. Requests for accommodation can be made at any stage of the recruitment process providing the applicant has met the bona-fide requirements for the open position. Applicants need to make their requirements known when contacted.

Please forward a copy of your resume to Human Resources at hr@torontohumanesociety.com

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