



**BC & ALBERTA GUIDE DOGS**

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## **Autism Support Dog Apprentice Instructor Position Delta, BC**

### **Background:**

BC & Alberta Guide Dogs, a registered Canadian Charity, is a member of Assistance Dogs International. BC & Alberta Guide Dogs breeds, raises and trains, Autism Support Dogs for children diagnosed with profound autism between the ages of 3 and 10 years who reside in the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta.

### **Applications are invited for the position of Autism Support Dog Apprentice Instructor.**

### **Position Overview:**

Autism Support Dog Instructors are the professionals responsible for the delivery of Autism Support Dog services on behalf of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs.

Autism Support Dog Instructors fulfill many professional roles:

#### **1. Autism Support Dog Training:**

Within specific timescales, assess and train our adult dogs as proficient Autism Support Dogs in accordance with BC & Alberta Guide Dogs standards and Policies.

#### **2. Client Interviewing and Assessment:**

Complete in home interviewing and assessments of the needs of our applicants, establishing suitability and accurately identifying specific matching needs for successful outcomes.

#### **3. Client Matching for Team Training:**

Within specific timescales, match the most compatible client and dog, ensuring that client needs and BC & Alberta Guide Dog standards are met.

#### **4. Autism Support Dog Client Team Training:**

Within specific timescales, plan, organize and deliver practical and theoretical training to our clients to meet their individual needs and the standards of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs. We pride ourselves in producing a well-finished team supported by highly personalized training and aftercare programs.

#### **5. Client Aftercare/Support Services:**

Throughout the teams working life, provide follow up through our aftercare services. Aftercare is completed on an annual basis and, as a priority, in response to emergency situations or changing conditions.

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### 6. Apprentice/Training Assistants Supervision and Training:

With advancement and seniority, Autism Support Dog Instructors will participate in the selection, supervision and training of new staff members.

Autism Support Dog Instructors, as professionals, represent BC & Alberta Guide Dogs at public events, presenting speeches, papers and demonstrating the work of our dogs. These activities may take place with corporations, foundations, community groups and service clubs. On a regular basis, our Instructors exchange professional knowledge with other professionals working in the field of autism both at home and abroad.

The Apprenticeship Program includes oral, written and practical examinations and goals. At all times the Apprentice is supervised by a qualified Autism Support Instructor.

During class training and aftercare visits to the homes of our clients, staff are required to be away from home on the road Monday to Friday. Generally, trips are for 2 weeks at a time, returning home on the weekends.

This is a full-time salaried position with benefits. The successful candidate will undertake a 2 ½ year, apprenticeship program, based in our Delta, BC office.

We would like to hear from individuals who are college or university graduates, self-starters, strong team players, caring and compassionate and able to work independently and wish to join our professional team.

Applicants with experience in working with children with special needs, in particular, children on the Autism Spectrum, are encouraged to apply.

### How to Apply:

Please email your cover letter and resume by Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to William Thornton, CEO at: [william.thornton@bcguidedog.com](mailto:william.thornton@bcguidedog.com).

We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Shortlisted candidates will be notified by Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. No phone calls please.

*All interested parties, regardless of outcome, shall be treated with the utmost of confidentiality.*

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