

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Therapy Dog Team Trainer & Assessor



Delta Therapy Dogs is inviting applications from suitably qualified candidates for the contract role of Therapy Dog Team Trainer & Assessor in the following regions:

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| South-East QLD | Melbourne, VIC |
| Hunter / Newcastle, NSW | Hobart, TAS |
| Central Coast, NSW | Perth, WA |
| Albury, NSW / Wodonga, VIC | |

About the Role:

Successful applicants will primarily be responsible for the assessment of current and potential Therapy Dog Teams who volunteer as part of Delta's programs.

The Therapy Dog Team Trainer & Assessor is required to utilise a set of protocols to mark this assessment; complete the assessment paperwork with adequate detail and comment to assist Delta's Program Coordinators; advise current and potential Therapy Dog Teams of the assessment results, and where appropriate suggestions for improvement if the team is assessed as "not ready"; and to work with Program Coordinators to ensure the smooth running of Assessment Days.

Delta Therapy Dogs is also changing the way in which it provides training to its Therapy Dog Teams, and so as these new programs and initiatives roll out there will also be opportunity to deliver training to Therapy Dog Teams – either as part of their induction program or as part of their on-going professional development (eg. when stepping up in to our Collaborative Animal Assisted Therapy programs).

These are paid positions. The current rate for a full day of assessing is \$450. The fees for other contract work are negotiated as each project is offered.

Please see attached a copy of the Position Description for more information about the key responsibilities of the role.

About the Organisation:

Delta Therapy Dogs is a national non-profit organisation whose purpose is to help animals and people bring joy to each other. Our work focuses on bringing the social, physical and emotional benefits of therapy animals to people who need it most. Therapy Dog Teams deliver Animal Assisted Activities, Animal Assisted Education, Animal Assisted Therapy and Animal Assisted Special Programs across a broad range of health, community and educational facilities.

For more information about Delta Therapy Dogs please visit www.deltasociety.com.au

About You:

We are seeking applications from people who have successfully completed Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour & Training or Companion Animal Services (or earlier comparable versions of the course) through the Delta Institute; and who are current Members, or willing to become, of the Delta Institute.

Delta Therapy Dogs holds positive reinforcement training as a core value and so expects its Trainers & Assessors to be totally committed to this methodology.

As a representative of Delta Therapy Dogs during training and assessment days, it is important to us that you have highly developed communication and interpersonal skills and feel confident in managing people's reactions to the outcome of your assessment.

We are seeking people who have at least two years' experience within the dog training industry and have highly developed observational skills and the ability to make informed judgement on the temperament/suitability of the dog after following the assessment protocol.

Please see attached a copy of the Position Description for the full list of essential and desirable selection criteria for the role.

Recruitment Process:

We invite applicants who meet the selection criteria for the role to complete our Application Form via <https://form.jotform.com/203492046240043>. Please ensure you include a current curriculum vitae and one professional referee.

Please apply at your earliest convenience. Applications will be assessed as they are received and suitable candidates will be invited for interview.

Successful applicants will be required to participate in an unpaid 1hr introductory training session via Zoom, followed by induction at one of our up-coming Assessment Days where you will be buddied with an experienced Therapy Dog Trainer & Assessor. This day will be paid at a rate of \$200.

More information:

If you would like to discuss the role of Therapy Dog Team Trainer & Assessor please contact:

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