DOG SITTER

Job Description:

**Dog Sitters** care for dogs when owners are unavailable to do so. They feed, train, walk, and play with dogs. They may work privately, through a vendor service, a store, or a pet hotel. Specific job duties vary, depending on the employer or owner. In this role, you may exercise dogs, clean their living areas, provide obedience training, or interact with customers to demonstrate dog care techniques. Some dog sitters work nights, weekends, or holidays because many dogs need round-the-clock care.

Job Responsibilities:

* Accommodating special requests that dog owners may have.
* Identifying health issues in dogs, such as ear infections, skin conditions, or tooth decay, and informing dog owners of these observations.
* Ensuring that all dogs are safe during the grooming process.
* Routinely cleaning work areas.
* Recommending suitable products to dog owners.
* Ability to manage dog’s behavior
* Treat all dog’s humanely
* Performs a hands on dog assessment on all dogs to recommend services and build trust with the dog parents
* Perform dog grooming services to breed standards and to client’s personal preferences
* Maintain a high level of cleanliness, sanitation, and humane conditions for all dogs in the grooming area.
* Ensure the safety and well-being of every dog and associate in the store, taking immediate action whenever necessary
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* Ability to manage dog’s behavior
* Treat all dog’s humanely
* Feed dogs to owners instructions and standards
* Ensure dogs always have clean fresh filled water bowls
* Keep dog’s area clean of urine and stool
* Provide dog bedding as instructed by owner
* Monitor for signs of stress in dog and act accordingly
* Provide scheduled walks, training, and play time for dogs

Job Qualifications:

* High school diploma
* Certification through the National Dog Groomer Association of America required
* Certification through the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers required
* Unencumbered state license may be required
* Experience working with dogs
* Experience as a dog sitter

Opportunities as a dog sitter are available for applicants without experience in which more than one dog sitter is needed in an area such that an experienced dog sitter will be present to mentor.

Job Skills Required:

* Love for dogs
* Working understanding of dog behavior
* Ability to wash, cut, and groom dog hair
* Ability to provide dog services such as teeth brushing, nail clipping, etc
* Ability to multi-task and prioritize work
* Attention to detail and problem solving skills
* Resourcefulness and ability to problem solve
* Outstanding communication and interpersonal skills
* Ability to not take customer issues personally
* Good listening skills
* Sound understanding of dog behavior.
* The ability to stand for long periods of time.
* The ability to treat all dogs with compassion.
* The ability to lift heavy dogs and equipment.
* Excellent communication skills.
* Exceptional customer service skills.