



## **Canine Educator**

Animal Talent is about to embark on an exciting new growth phase, and we are seeking a suitably qualified Canine Educator to join our dynamic team.

This role is a great opportunity for an imaginative educator interested in delivering innovative dog training programs, fun classes, workshops and pet life skills modules.

The successful candidate will be passionate about delivering positive and force-free dog training to clients and their dogs. They will possess the required skills to teach dog owners positive reward-based and fear-free techniques which will assist them to live harmoniously with their pet. The role is highly rewarding and satisfying for the right person.

This position is casual, initially around 4-6 hours per week with increased hours as demand increases. The successful candidate will be expected to be available during the week, daytime, some evenings and weekends.

### **The Candidate will bring the following attributes:**

- Enjoy working with humans and dogs.
- Be an engaging and professional presenter.
- A natural affinity and connection towards dogs of all ages and breeds.
- Be highly observant and aware that the safety and welfare of humans and dogs is important.
- Confidence and patience to control and handle dogs of any breed, size and demeanour.
- A kind and gentle nature when dealing with dogs.
- Understand and be passionate about the use of positive reinforcement and force-free methodology.
- A strong and competent knowledge base of how to teach the six-pack of core behaviours - Sit, Down, Stay, Quiet, Come and Loose-lead walking.
- Ability to explain in language the everyday pet owner understands.
- Understanding and be able to communicate effectively the basics of dog behaviour and the role breed characteristics play in influencing behaviour.
- Able to understand and demonstrate the importance of timing and positive reinforcement when capturing a canine behaviour.
- Possess an awareness of dog body language and be able to recognise signals that the dog is stressed, anxious, over excited or overwhelmed.



## Requirements

- Be legally entitled to work in Australia.
- Drivers' licence and own comprehensively insured vehicle.
- Fluent English verbal and written skills.
- Exceptional communication skills with fellow team members and clients.
- Excellent customer service skills.
- Able to work autonomously and demonstrate initiative.
- Responsible, reliable and punctual.
- Good physical health, as there is an element of heavy lifting – moving equipment, yard maintenance and occasional mowing.
- Able to stand on your feet for several hours and happy to work outdoors.

## Desirable Qualifications

- A dog training or handling qualification is highly desirable, but this must be accompanied by relevant working experience.
- Current First Aid Certificate.

## What you will be doing

- Teaching the six-pack of core behaviours - Sit, Down, Stay, Quiet, Come and Loose-lead walking, to dogs, and explaining the 'how-to' in language the everyday pet owner understands.
- Communicate with clients to discuss behavioural concerns and training needs relating to their dog with a sense of empathy.
- Assist with developing Individual training programs for dogs that have problematic behaviours and unique training challenges such as aggression, hyperactivity, fear, separation anxiety, toilet training, barking, destructive behaviour.
- Mentoring owners while teaching effective training techniques.
- Conducting training classes, programs and workshops in order to develop and maintain desired behaviours for stress-free living.
- Ensuring the client understands that the success of their dogs training depends upon the owner's consistent commitment to the program.
- Assisting with design and delivery of new pet dog training courses to clients.
- Developing personalised training plans to overcome specific behavioural problems.
- Completing basic administrative tasks.
- Retail sales and product recommendations.
- Ensuring training areas are safe, clean and tidy. This may include mowing, poo pick-up, moving equipment and basic general yard maintenance.

**What we offer you:**

- Competitive remuneration.
- A multi-faceted job with a high level of responsibility and a broad spectrum of opportunities.
- Great workspace with a friendly team who share a passion to help humans understand dogs.
- The opportunity to develop your skills and learn alongside a respected industry leader.

**Referees**

Please provide contact details of your two chosen referees with your application.

**Privacy Statement**

All applications will be handled in the strictest confidence. Animal Talent is committed to protecting the privacy of all personal information and this will not be shared with any third-party without your prior consent unless we are legally required to by law.

**To Apply**

Please send your current resume with a cover letter outlining, why you are applying for this position and your industry career aspirations to [info@animaltalent.com.au](mailto:info@animaltalent.com.au)

**Further Information**

Please direct any enquiries you have by email to [info@animaltalent.com.au](mailto:info@animaltalent.com.au) with the subject line **CANINE EDUCATOR ENQUIRY**.