



Volunteer Job Description

Title: Master Handler

Reports to: President, Board of Directors

Purpose of Position: Working with Rescue Officers and foster parents, consult as needed regarding dogs with behavioral issues dispositions and temperaments. Mentor coordinators and foster parents on methods for reinforcing good behavior. May also refer the Board to an appropriate online training resource such as Good Pup, training classes, or a Board and Train facility for recalcitrant dogs.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Consulting with officers, coordinators, and/or foster parents to discuss behavioral concerns and training needs
- Determine suitable training options for behavioral dogs (online, classroom, or board and train)
- Mentor rescue staff regarding behavior modification recommendations for resource guarding, separation anxiety, hyperactivity, etc.

Qualifications:

- Sound knowledge of dog training techniques as well as animal behavior and body language
- Effective communication skills
- Patient and enthusiastic with a love for helping rehabilitate dogs with behavioral issues

Training Requirements:

- Certification through the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT) is advantageous
- Understanding rescue's policy of not accepting dogs with a known history of human aggression and not placing them for adoption
- Overview of rescue's Policy Regarding Foster Animals

Time Commitment:

- 0-6 hours a month, depending upon intake of dogs with behavior issues requirement at least some level of remediation

Volunteer Benefits:

- Helping homeless Boston Terriers find their forever homes
- Working with foster families and AZBTR Leaders
- Opportunities to attend AZBTR events
- Making a difference in the community

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