



## **Puppy Nursery Attendant**

Full-Time permanent, Breslau, ON

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides of Canada (LFCDG) has a great opportunity for you to start making a difference! We are currently searching for an Attendant in the Puppy Nursery!

At Lions Foundation Canada Dog Guides (LFCDG) we help people with medical or physical disabilities lead independent lives by providing them with a dog guide at no cost to support them in their daily lives.

We are unique in offering 7 different programs serving and supporting over 1100 active clients across Canada. The school operates out of our central location in Oakville, ON, and a breeding and training facility in Breslau, ON with plans to move to our new leading edge facility in early 2025.

At Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, we are passionate about connecting exceptional dogs with individuals for greater independence. At our Breslau facility we breed, raise, and train exceptional dogs.

Do you want to play a role in that adventure? Do you have a keen interest in caring for moms and their puppies and the genetics of producing exceptional dogs?

### **The Opportunity:**

Full-time Puppy Nursery Attendant – Breslau Location:

The Puppy Nursery Attendant is responsible for maintaining a high standard of care for all breeding dogs and puppies housed at the LFCDG breeding facility. This is an active working position, cleaning kennel areas and observing canine medical and behavioural changes to report to the necessary staff. This is a physically demanding role requiring the majority of time spent standing, walking, lifting, and bending in all weather conditions. The Puppy Nursery Attendant will foster a positive and productive work environment, and support a team that can deliver on the assigned work and initiatives. As a member of the breeding program team, the Puppy Nursery Attendant is responsible for creating and communicating task outlines, and working collaboratively with other team members and departments to ensure the wellbeing of the dogs. Professional canine care knowledge and experience are preferred.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Provide daily care for dogs and puppies in the puppy nursery.
- Assist with kennel maintenance. This includes disposing of dog feces, scrubbing and drying kennel

areas.

- Handling dogs appropriately in all situations following advice from other attendants and the supervisor.
- Bathing, grooming, feeding, and exercising dogs and puppies.
- Checking dog's health and administering treatments, medications.
- Monitoring the behaviour of the dogs in their care including monitoring for signs of stress and any behaviour issues that need to be addressed.
- Maintain records of dogs' behaviour, health, and any other issues while living in the nursery.
- Help handle dogs who are being checked by vet advisor or supervisor.
- Assist with breeding management, whelping and neonatal care.
- Provide enrichment, socialization and basic training to dog moms and puppies.

## Requirements

Who you are:

- Knowledge and understanding of dog care needs, canine health and diseases and basic veterinary care.
- Ability to effectively administer dog health treatments.
- Knowledge and understanding of small animal husbandry.
- Knowledge of environmental enrichment programs to maintain good mental health in all dogs in their care.
- Good dog handling skills, especially with larger breed dogs and groups of dogs.
- Ability to perform various health and care procedures such as grooming, bathing, basic health checks and nail trimming.
- Knowledge of dog nutrition and weight maintenance.
- Good understanding of dog behaviour.
- Professional, compassionate and understanding when working with both people (staff, vets, volunteers and the general public) and dogs.
- Physical stamina to handle large dogs, heavy loads (dog food, etc.).
- Flexibility with work hours: the attendants will be required to work irregular hours including evenings, weekends, and holidays.
- Current Ontario driver's licence.
- Work schedule with current role: 11:30 AM – 8 PM Tuesday – Saturday.

We want to hear from you if you have:

- Minimum high school diploma.
- Education in an animal care field an asset, e.g. Veterinary Technologist, Veterinary Technician, veterinary assistant.
- Experience working with dogs in roles such as dog sitter, vet assistant, dog walker, boarding kennel attendant, dog groomer, animal control officer or obedience trainer.
- Other college or university degrees in animal husbandry, genetics, or reproduction is a bonus.
- Personal or professional experience working with assistive technology and/or accessible environments is considered an asset.
- Vulnerable Sector Police Background Check required.

## Why LFCDG?

- Work with exceptional coworkers who care and support each other
- Receive training and development that extends beyond your job duties in veterinary medicine, dog training or animal care.
- Exercise a strong pride in work when making a meaningful difference in the lives of clients with disabilities
- Enjoy a generous employee benefits package
- Never again leave your dog at home when working

LFCDG welcomes applications from people with disabilities. Applicants will be provided accommodations during the application process if needed. We thank all applicants for their interest. Only successful candidates will be contacted for the next steps in the application process.

## Job Types: Full-time, Permanent

Salary: \$35,500 p.a.

### Benefits:

- Casual dress
- Dental care
- Disability insurance
- Extended health care
- Life insurance
- On-site parking
- Paid time off
- Vision care
- Uniforms provided

### Schedule:

- 8 hour shift
- Day shift
- Holidays
- Night shift
- Weekend availability (required)

### Experience:

Dog care: 1 year (required)

### Licence/Certification:

Driver's licence (required)