

Title	<p style="text-align: center;">DAWS Lead Dog Trainer Danbury Animal Welfare Society</p>
	<p>Danbury Animal Welfare Society (DAWS) is a not-for-profit animal shelter located in Bethel, CT. We are a regional leader in adoption and rehoming dogs and cats.</p>
Major Objective	<p>To evaluate and work with dogs in a shelter, hybrid staff and volunteer workforce environment to increase their opportunities for adoption and prepare them for a home environment.</p>
Key Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evaluate incoming dogs within 48 hours of veterinary exam for temperament and training level. ● Re-evaluate dogs as needed or after a 60-day length of stay. ● Work with, exercise, and train dogs in the program. ● Train dogs to obey basic commands to improve adoptability. ● Observe dog's physical conditions to detect any issues requiring medical care and escalate if needed. ● Seek information from staff and volunteers on the animals' behavior to develop a comprehensive training plan and re-evaluation if needed. ● Implement behavior programs to enrich the animal's environment, reduce kennel stress and prevent problem behaviors. ● Prepare written training plans and progress reports, including a written monthly update on dogs with training protocols, behavior issues or lengths of stay over 60 days. ● Communicate training needs, protocols and updates to staff, management and volunteers. ● Communicate and/or meet with potential adopters. ● Educate and train volunteers to work with individual dogs, handling techniques and specific training plans. ● Offer on-site new volunteer orientation dog handling class/training and periodic advanced handling classes. ● Participate in dog introductions as needed. ● Enter notes in the organization's record keeping system; keep training records accessible to the organization. ● Research new training methods and class options offered elsewhere to ensure training programs and techniques stay fresh and up-to-date. Collaborate with external trainers as needed. ● Attend and participate in meetings as needed, including the Animal Welfare Committee.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High School graduate; business training and/or specific training in animal care and services preferred ● Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT) Certification or equivalent ● Previous animal shelter experience highly desirable ● Ability to execute defined responsibilities with limited supervision in a fast-paced, dynamic environment that also leverages volunteer manpower ● Email competency. ● Be able to meet the physical demands of working with animals, including but not limited to the ability to move, manipulate or restrain a dog.
Reporting Structure	<p>Reports to the Kennel Manager.</p>
Job Status & Location	<p>Shelter Facility based</p>

Please email your cover letter and resume to operations@daws.org