



# Lutheran Church Charities

## LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Trainer

### Position Description

**Title** LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Trainer

**Department(s)**

**Reports to** Director of K-9 Ministry

#### Position summary

This position executes K-9 training practices, assists to develop procedures and shares responsibilities for preparing trained K-9s to meet the requirements of the LCC K-9 Comfort Dog ministry. Person must be committed to the mission of LCC with the ability to witness and share their Christian Faith to develop and nurture others in their Christian walk.

#### General Responsibilities

- Learn and utilize LCC's K-9 training curriculum and methodologies.
- Responsible for training, socializing, evaluating dogs in training
- Take comfort dogs home for additional training, care and evaluation
- Work with volunteer apprentice trainers to enhance communication and teamwork between the dog and the apprentice trainer.
- Training responsibilities and activities include:
  - Take dogs in training into the community to provide real world training and socialization
  - Document and communicate with other training staff the dog's progress using photos and video
  - Ensure daily exercise based on age and development
  - Massage and expose the dog to touch 2 to 3 times a day
  - Brush teeth, brush coat, clip nails and fur around pads
  - Expose the dog to different sights, sound and surfaces.
  - Work on various commands
  - Assess the dog's strengths and weaknesses and make a plan on how to address those issues

#### Skills required

1. K-9 training skills and knowledge of training methods.
2. Verbal communication skills.
3. Written communication skills.

#### Disclaimer

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this position. They are not to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required of personnel so classified.