



Boston for the Dogs

walking. hiking. training.

Dog Hiker/Handler Job Description

We founded Boston for the Dogs in 2013 with one mission: to cultivate a community of dog lovers and advocates, while providing a safe, reliable service for your pet. We pride ourselves on our dedication to understanding each dog's individual needs. To us, it's not simply about taking your dog for a walk; it's about getting to know and understand his/her unique personality. We are an ALL BREEDS company serving the greater Boston area. We do our best to work with dogs of all behaviors, backgrounds, and schedules. While we may be a diverse group of humans, we come together with one goal in mind, the happiness of our dogs!

Job Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Walking and/or hiking multiple dogs simultaneously
- Providing dog walking and socialization in a fun, safe, and structured environment
- Navigating through our service area to retrieve dog(s) from client's homes
- Managing dogs in different stages of training, both in vehicles and on walks/hikes/play groups
- Maintaining training plans established by the training team
- Picking up & disposing of pet waste
- Providing regular updates and feedback about dogs and behaviors
- Using Facebook to update our client group with photos and updates
- Using Slack to communicate within the company

The Ideal Candidate...

- Loves dogs of all kinds
- Enjoys being active and outdoors
- Is willing to learn new training techniques and methodologies
- Is a self-motivated team player who can also work independently
- Is reliable and trustworthy
- Is willing to work with dogs with a variety of backgrounds and comfort levels

Requirements:

- 21 years old or older
- Available Monday through Friday approximately 9am – 4pm
- Minimum 6-month employment commitment
- Must have a valid driver's license with a safe driving record and proof of insurance
- **Must own a reliable vehicle suitable for safely transporting up to 6 dogs (please note vehicle type in your application)**
- A smartphone with text/email capability (must be compliant with our scheduling software)
- Must be active or able to be on your feet, hiking and walking for most of the day, in any weather
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to work independently while managing your time
- Must live within reasonable proximity to our service areas

- Experience is preferred, but not essential

Job Type:

- Full-time (Approximately 25-35 hours)
- Part-time (approximately 15-20 hours)
- Some seasonal flexibility is available

What We Provide:

- An established dog handling company with a robust clientele base
- A fun, inclusive, and supportive team and clients
- Commission-based salary
- Employees are paid per dog
- Option to earn additional income through pet sitting, weekend and after-hours services
- 2 weeks of intensive handler training
- Continued opportunities for training and growth
- Discounted services for employee pets within our service area

Service Area:

- Our daily service area is Roslindale, West Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, Chestnut Hill, and parts of Brookline, Brighton, and Newton
- Our Training Lab and office is located in Jamaica Plain, MA 02130