# JOB ADVERTISMENT

## **Delta Therapy Dogs Assessor**



Delta Therapy Dogs is inviting applications from suitably qualified candidates for the contract role of Therapy Dogs Assessor in the following regions:

Cairns, QLD Albury, NSW / Wodonga, VIC

Townsville, QLD Melbourne, VIC South-East QLD Devonport, TAS Hunter / Newcastle, NSW Hobart, TAS Central Coast, NSW Adelaide, SA Canberra, ACT Perth, WA

#### About the Role:

Successful applicants will hold responsibility for the assessment of current and potential Therapy Dog Teams who volunteer as part of either the Therapy Dogs, Classroom Canines or Paws the Pressure programs.

Assessors are required to utilise a set of protocols to mark this assessment; complete the assessment paperwork with adequate detail and comment to assist Delta's Program Coordinators; advise current and potential Therapy Dog Teams of the assessment results, and where appropriate suggestions for improvement if the team is assessed as "not ready"; and to work with Program Coordinators to ensure the smooth running of Assessment Days. From time-to-time you may also be asked to attend Induction Training for new recruits to provide advice in their roles.

These are paid positions, currently at a rate of \$450 per Assessment Day. The number of Assessment Days per year varies depending on the region, and may be held on either a weekday or weekend

Please see attached a copy of the Position Description for more information about the key responsibilities of the role.

#### **About the Organisation:**

Delta Therapy Dogs is a national non-profit organisation whose purpose is to help animals bring joy to people. Our work focuses on bringing the social, physical and emotional benefits of therapy animals to people who need it most. Therapy Dog Teams visit sick children and adults in hospitals, residents in aged care facilities, rehabilitation centres, mental health services, prisons and any other facilities where building connection with a therapy animal can enhance quality of life.

For more information about Delta Therapy Dogs please visit www.deltasociety.com.au

## **About You:**

We are seeking applications from people who have successfully completed Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services through the Delta Institute; and who are current Members, or willing to become, of the Delta Institute.

Delta Therapy Dogs holds positive, rewards-based training as a core value and so expects its Assessors to be totally committed to this methodology.

As a representative of Delta Therapy Dogs during these Assessment Days, it is important to us that you have highly developed communication and interpersonal skills and feel confident in managing people's reactions to the outcome of your assessment.

We are seeking people who have at least two years' experience within the dog training industry and have highly developed observational skills and the ability to make informed judgement on the temperament/suitability of the dog after following the assessment protocol.

Please see attached a copy of the Position Description for the full list of essential and desirable selection criteria for the role.

## **Recruitment Process:**

We invite applicants who meet the selection criteria for the role to complete our Application Form via https://form.jotform.com/203492046240043. Please ensure you include a current curriculum vitae and one professional referee.

Positions are limited so please apply at your earliest convenience. Applications will be assessed as they are received and suitable candidates will be invited for interview.

Successful applicants will be required to participate in an unpaid 1hr introductory training session via Zoom, followed by induction at one of our up-coming Assessment Days where you will be buddied with one of our existing and experienced Assessors. This day will be paid at a rate of \$200.

## More information:

If you would like to discuss the role of Delta Therapy Dogs Assessor please contact:

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