



## **Canine Specialist (Temporary Full Time/Part Time)**

Do you dream of a job where you can wag your tail at work? Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of our furry friends? The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth is calling all dog lovers to join our team as an Animal Care Canine Specialist!

### **What you will be doing:**

- Conducting canine behavior assessments and updating training materials.
- Providing top-notch customer service regarding adoptions, intake, complaints, and animal behavior.
- Assisting in the care and handling of various animals, ensuring they have food, clean water, and comfy housing.
- Promoting positive morale, creativity, and teamwork among staff and volunteers.
- Providing follow-up assistance to adopters to ensure successful matches.
- Acting as a liaison between community organizations, retailers, other shelters, and us to boost adoptions and improve canine behavior.
- Coaching, training, and guiding new staff and volunteers.
- Maintaining professional contacts and staying current with the latest in animal welfare.

### **What we are looking for:**

- Certification in Professional Positive Reinforcement Dog Training.
- Minimum of 3 years of experience working with various canine breeds.
- Ability to handle sensory concentration and pay attention to detail.
- Strong teamwork and collaboration skills.
- Effective communication and listening skills tailored to different audiences.
- Compassionate and humane treatment of animals on and off the job.
- Physical stamina to manage the job's demands, including lifting large animals and standing for long periods.
- Ability to work in challenging environmental conditions (cooler/warmer temps, loud barks, and the occasional whiff of wet dog).
- Flexibility to work evenings, weekends, and holidays as needed.
- Valid Class "G" Ontario driver's license.

### **Working At the Humane Society:**

- We are a growing team of animal lovers (whether they have fur, scales, shells or feathers!)
- We get things done at a fast pace, and love tackling new and exciting ideas
- We believe in empowering people – we want to empower you to do your job and watch you lead your team

- We do best when collaborating, and it's important that everyone's voice is heard

**The Perks:**

- Hourly wage of \$21.00 – \$27.00
- **Contract : 3 month contract**
- Being part of a mission-driven team that makes a real difference.
- Hands-on experience with amazing animals.
- Flexible work schedule
- An environment always filled with adorable animals
- Bring your pet to work or enjoy the company of others' pets while you work!

If this role is calling your name, we look forward to hearing from you! Please submit your resume and cover letter to [hr@kwsphumane.ca](mailto:hr@kwsphumane.ca)

The full job description is available at <https://kwsphumane.ca/careers>.

The Humane Society warmly welcomes applications from people of all backgrounds and groups. We are committed to a culture of inclusivity and collaboration that celebrates diverse perspectives and voices.

We thank all candidates for their applications; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.