

Canine Daycare/Kennel Attendant

Do you love dogs? Do you have a passion for working hard caring for and learning canine behavior? Then join the team at Tail Gate for Dogs as a **Canine Daycare/Kennel Attendant**! Located in Elmhurst, Tail Gate for Dogs is the area's premier daycare, boarding, grooming and training facility. We offer competitive rates of pay for reliable, outgoing, upbeat individuals with a positive attitude to help further our mission and belief that the company was founded on: Dogs are not just animals, but special creatures who deserve the kindness, love and gentle treatment we as humans owe each other. We currently are interviewing for full- and part-time daycare/kennel attendants.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Accompany dogs throughout different areas of the facility.
- Ease dogs into the group and assess initial attitude.
- Monitor play area use, directing dogs based on size and energy level of the daycare areas.
- Engage with the dogs by encouraging appropriate activities and correcting behavior as needed.
- Maintain cleanliness of the daycare areas and canines to ensure a safe, clean and sanitary environment.
- Handle general tasks and record keeping associated with the care of the dogs such as administering medicine, feedings, fresh water, etc.
- Any other duties that may be assigned by the managers.
- Communicate in a professional and respectful manner with clients and staff.

Job Requirements and Qualifications

- Must love all dogs!
- Previous experience handling dogs a plus but not required.
- Ability to communicate effectively and respond professionally in high stress and/or emergency situations.
- Comfortable maintaining control with a group of dogs in various sizes.
- Flexible schedule to work shifts ranging from open to close, weekends and some holidays.

Physical Requirements and Work Environment

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Ability to read, write and verbally communicate in English.
- Ability to stand and move about the facility for up to 100% of work time, about 6-8 hours.
- Ability to lift and carry up to 60 pounds unassisted and bend, stoop and lift frequently.
- Maintain proximity with all breeds of canines for extended periods of time while tolerating loud noises.
- Must be able to work outside in all types of weather.

Employee Benefits (full-time only)

- Medical and Dental Insurance
- Company Paid Life Insurance
- Paid Time Off
- Simple IRA retirement savings plan including company match
- Discounted daycare rates for employee dogs