



## Dog Trainer and Behavior Consultant Job Description

Title: Dog Trainer and Behavior Consultant

Effective Date: 12/09/23

*To qualify for this role, going through Underdog's 12-week Mentorship Program is required. The trainee must demonstrate proficiency in all areas in order to be moved into the hourly contracted position.*

Skills/knowledge we will aim to develop during mentorship:

- How animals learn and how best to change their behavior
- The economics of dog behavior and understanding "problem" behaviors
- An introduction to working with fear, anxiety, and aggression
- Counseling clients with empathy and respect
- Critical thinking and problem solving

Hourly, Contract: 5-10 hours per week at \$18.50/hour, opportunity for more hours as we continue to grow

Location: Fort Collins and surrounding areas

Position Summary: The Behavior Consultant will support the Building Blocks program, a private training service that focuses on installing new behaviors and modifying common behaviors in dogs and puppies. Sessions will be either in-person or virtual. This role will also assist with Underdog's in-home pet sitting and training program.

This role is expected to provide training sessions in alignment with Underdog training philosophy, which involves least intrusive, minimally aversive methods and uses positive reinforcement strategies to motivate dogs. Additionally, Underdog works closely with Until They're Home, a foster-based rescue in Colorado, in providing behavior and training support to their entire foster and adopter base.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- This role will lead sessions through the Building Blocks program

- Manage consultations and sessions with private clients in working with installing new behaviors and modifying common behaviors
  - Provide follow-up support and check-ins as needed
- This role will also provide behavior support to Until They're Home
  - Conduct consultations, sessions, and phone calls with fosters and adopters
- We would prefer this role to support (but it is not required) the Live-In Learn program, an in-home pet sitting and training program we are expecting to roll out in 2024.

Qualifications / Requirements:

- Professional training in animal behavior is preferred; KPA, CTC, or certification through PPAB
- Valid driver's license
- Must be able to service Fort Collins and surrounding areas

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Sense of humor!
- Must love PEOPLE
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to cultivate and foster compassion for humans as well as dogs
- Problem solving, patience, and critical thinking

Please send resume and cover letter to Molly Obert, Head Trainer and Founder of Underdog, via [info@underdog.dog](mailto:info@underdog.dog)