



Advancement Center

In recognition of accomplishments
in conjunction with the State of Florida Occupational Credentialing Program
The Greyhound Advancement Center awards
a certificate of completion to
Lee Johnson
who has satisfactorily completed Dog Handler Competencies

This _____ day of _____

Warden

Program Director

Co-Founder

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**TRAINEE COMPETENCIES
HANDLER
Canine Obedience Training Program**

Handler S73 (Successful caretaking of dogs for 16 weeks with a minimum of 960 hours to earn credential)

Entry-level caretaker position

- Demonstrate knowledge of the individual dog in training such as breed, age, shelter name, and background.
- Comply with health and safety guidelines.
- Ability to assess health of dogs, take temperature as needed and conduct physical exam for lumps, bumps, and weight. Knowledge of visual weight assessment/body composition if scale is unavailable. Document dog health daily. Examples include skin condition, mood, appetite, water intake, etc.
- Ensure dogs are injury free and monitor stress levels.
- Ensure that dogs receive the highest quality care and are maintained in a clean, safe and secure area. Clean and sanitize equipment daily.
- Feed, exercise and give general care to dogs.
- Knowledge and use of grooming skills: clipping nails, cleaning ears, brushing teeth and bathing dogs.
- Knowledge of K-9 first aid. Identify needs so that the Vet Tech may perform certain procedures.
- Understand the use of different types of collars and leashes.
- Take the dogs outside to use the restroom multiple times per day, clean up after them and dispose of waste appropriately.
- Beginning knowledge of basic dog obedience training commands: sit, stay, down, come, wait, watch me and leave it.
- Recognize and understand common dog body language and dog behaviors such as barking, jumping up, pawing, etc. and understand how to redirect and not reinforce those behaviors.
- Keep a log or journal of dog training.
- Pass training skills test.