



# PAWS

## Professional Animal Workers (PAWS)

PAWS is a 12-week course in partnership with the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) that prepares job seekers with disabilities to work in animal shelters and kennels, veterinary offices and hospitals, doggie daycare centers, independent pet and grooming shops, and retail pet stores.

The classroom portion of the course is offered at the WTC campus in Baltimore and is taught by a CCBC instructor. The on-the-job training occurs at local community veterinary and animal care centers.

### TRAINING INCLUDES:

- Animal first aid & CPR
- Basic animal care skills – feeding, watering, grooming, bathing, exercising, and cage cleaning
- Computer literacy and basic office skills
- Off-campus internship

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability and desire to work with animals
- Ability to lift up to 40 pounds
- Ability to remain calm in high stress situations
- Basic computer knowledge
- 6th-grade reading level

**Contact your DORS Counselor or local office for more information or Request DORS Services via the QR code.**

