

PAWS Training



Professional Animal Workers (PAWS) is a **10-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 is offered at the DORS WTC and is taught by a CCBC instructor. The on-the-job training occurs at 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

Contact your DORS Counselor or local DORS office for more information.

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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



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