

## Dog Handler for Conservation Projects



The Chilcotin Ark Institute is a partner organization within the Trails To Empowerment (TTE) Community. Your internship combines nature conservation with personal development and nature connection. The Chilcotin Ark Institute is committed to sustainable land management, stewardship and conservation of wildlife. We facilitate and conduct research and conservation projects. During your internship/ volunteering you will experience a variety of fields such as invasive species management, habitat management, wildlife studies, proposal writing and eco-tourism to educate guests about wildlife in the area. Personal and professional development is a cornerstone of your internship with ongoing support on your journey. If you have a specific research interest or conservation project that you would like to conduct in the area, you have the opportunity to plan and conduct it as part of your internship. We work together with universities and facilitate co-op terms. Our research centre and remote satellite research stations in the Chilcotin Ark in British Columbia, Canada are the ideal place to facilitate your project.

### Tasks:

Train dogs to assist in conservation projects November to March  
Develop wildlife management skills and contribute to conservation  
Create a dog feeding schedule  
Provide medical and first aid treatment as necessary  
Develop and execute a training program including exercise, socializing and work

### Benefits:

- Live by the Three Pillar philosophy of the TTE community - Nature Connection, Nature Conservation and Personal Development.
- Your Personal Development is the priority of your experience, we facilitate the environment for you to grow and evolve towards your best self.
- Your internship is a journey that can transform your life as much as you are committed to investing in yourself.
- With the responsibility you take for your Personal Development and the TTE community wellbeing, opportunities like attending external workshops and learning new skills will arise.
  - You will gain hands-on experience in nature conservation and contribute to positive change in the world through your involvement in projects and data collection.
- You become part of our community where we support each other in our goals and mission and share our personal experiences on a daily basis.
- You will live and work in a remote wilderness environment, where you reconnect with nature and yourself.
- You will have the opportunity to experience true wilderness, disconnect from city life and live by the laws of nature.
- You will become more attuned to nature by becoming more aware of your environment and learn about nature
- Your internship is the ideal opportunity to find clarity on your purpose.



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- The benefits of your internship are equal to the opportunities and responsibilities you take
- You will be accommodated on site in prospector tents in the summer, that facilitate an ongoing nature connection, or communal rooms in the winter, all meals are included.
- The compensation for this position are all non-monetary benefits and opportunities above.

**Requirements:**

Fit enough to run with the dogs.

Your commitment to your Personal Development and the support of the community. You are ready to view challenges as opportunities to grow and learn and take initiative to leave your comfort zone. Our priority is to create a community where we believe the best of each other, want the best for each other and hold one another accountable to be our best self - If you share this approach you are ready to join us.

**Responsibilities:**

- You support the community and get involved in group activities, such as weekly success reviews, daily meetings, planning communal activities and taking care of daily ranch chores.
- You take responsibility for your Personal Development and for creating a positive environment around you.
- You take responsibility to look after the nature and wilderness you benefit from.
- You contribute to something larger than yourself by participating in Nature Conservation projects and mentoring community partners.
- You reflect on your journey by writing and sharing weekly blog stories.
- You contribute to the community by sharing inspirational insights, photos and videos
- You create your own 40 hour week work schedule, that meets your interests and moves you towards your goals, while considering all the variables

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