

Full Job Description – Leakage Detection Dog Handlers

Status - Full-Time/Permanent/40 hrs per week

Salary - £23,000 - £28,000/Annum Depending on Experience

Location – Causeway Coast and Glens, Derry City and Strabane, Mid Ulster, Mid and East Antrim

E McMullan Ltd was established in 1999 and is now one of Northern Ireland's leading water management companies. The company has continually evolved with our clients and now provide a full range of multi-disciplinary environmental and engineering services specialising in leakage detection, water network pressure management, utility and topographical surveying, and the provision and management of GIS.

E McMullan Ltd have established a reputation for excellence using the latest technologies and innovations both for delivery of services and how our clients manage their assets and the environment. In keeping with our innovative programme, the company is proud to be introducing the use of Leakage Detection Dogs to compliment the current leakage detection activities within the company. We currently have two fully trained dogs with handlers supporting both reactive and proactive leakage detection.

About the Role

We are looking for trainee dog handlers to handle and control a detection dog professionally and safely in all circumstances to detect water leaks. The successful candidate will be teamed with a specially trained dog and will be responsible for its care and control. They will need to be highly observant, patient, self - confident, enthusiastic, highly motivated, and comfortable working independently with a common goal to detect water leaks.

Part of the selection process for the post will involve a practical assessment to demonstrate the candidate possesses the skills sets necessary for the position.

Main duties & responsibilities:

- To handle and control a detection dog professionally and safely in all circumstances to detect water leaks
- Take full responsibility for the health and welfare of the detection dogs, e.g. food, water, and regular exercise
- Take full responsibility for the health & safety of the working environment while working with the detection dogs e.g. carry out risk assessments covering the many different environments in which the detection dogs may be deployed
- Take full accountability for the outputs of the technique and fulfilling the KPIs attributed to the leakage detection e.g. detection of water leaks
- Transport the detection dogs to and from the base kennels and work sites in a safe, clean, and secure manner
- Report any veterinary requirements immediately to company management
- Ensure the dogs get continual training, are motivated and stimulated to maintain the highest standards of leakage detection
- Ensure the dog carries out the work for which it has been trained
- Gain an in depth understanding of the technical aspects of water networks in particular leakage detection
- Complete all documentation on work carried out, results and reports

Mandatory Requirements, Skills, Knowledge and Characteristics

- Previous proven experience in keeping and caring for dogs
- Previous proven experience in handling dogs
- Ability to take on board all aspects of training and develop the skills sets required
- Previous experience with use of electronic data devices, laptops, tuff book etc
- Unwavering professional and responsible attitude to trainers, company staff and members of the public
- Possess good time management, numeracy, computer, and communication skills
- Good decision-making skills taking accountability for outcomes
- Adhere to management systems and follow all company policy, procedures
- Ability to cope with the physical nature of the role including entry into confined spaces
- Flexibility in working hours to include some night work
- Hold a full current valid clean driving licence

What you'll get in return

- 20 days holidays & 10 public holidays per year
- Pension Scheme (after a qualifying period)
- Be part of this exciting innovative technique
- Working with professional dog trainer and top-quality animals
- Comprehensive training and career development opportunities
- Use of all the latest technologies and gain experience in GIS applications
- Be part of the change – now more than ever it's an exciting time to work in the water industry with a company who is committed to innovation and developing talent

Only experienced applicants should apply for this post

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