



Volunteer Puppy Raiser

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Puppy raiser's care for, feed and train our guide dog puppy, full-time for 12-16 months.

The role is very time consuming but also incredibly rewarding, with you helping to teach the pup basic obedience commands and help grow into being a potential guide dog.

This is a homebased long term volunteer role with you having many responsibilities to provide the best care and support for the puppy. There is no set start date for this role however when you start it shall be an ongoing everyday role.

Who?

Guide Dogs organisation strives to transform the lives of people with sight loss into the life they choose by partnering them with assistance dogs. Their amazing dogs bring a greater independence and quality of life to their partners, offering security, companionship, and practical help with everyday tasks.

Job Role Information.

What you'll be doing:

Engaging with our world-class Puppy Raising for Excellent Partnerships (PREP) training programme to prepare your puppy for the next stages of becoming a guide dog. Providing care and support for your puppy at home e.g., loving, grooming and feeding him or her. Socialising your puppy and introducing him or her to a variety of environments to increase confidence-this can be as simple as taking your puppy with you to the shops, office or park as you go about your everyday life. Taking your puppy to monthly classes and interacting with other puppy raisers in your community whilst refreshing your training and sharing tips. Meeting with your volunteer manager as frequently as needed to discuss any changes or issues with your puppy. Completing questionnaires about your puppy's development.

Good To Know.

Becoming a Puppy Raiser volunteer is a full-time and long-term volunteering role; providing their puppy, from the age of seven weeks until between 12-16 months, with the early stages of socialisation and education in to becoming a guide dog; after this period, the puppy will then head off to one of our training centres to begin their specialised training.