

Voluntary role description



Role title:	Puppy Socialiser
Department:	Puppy Team
Co-ordinator:	Regional Puppy Co-Ordinator

Role outline

The role of the Puppy Socialiser is to ensure that the puppy has a good foundation before it starts its training to become part of one of our services.

As a Puppy Socialiser you will be required to take on a puppy and have him or her living in your home for between 16 and 18 months. You must have the time and commitment and be physically able to provide basic obedience training, socialisation and appropriate exercise required for a young dog.

To enable you to carry out this role all equipment will be supplied by the Charity.

Main tasks:

- Maintain health and welfare of the puppy in accordance with our guidelines
- Provide ongoing basic obedience along with a gradual introduction to new environments, with the help and support of the Puppy Co-ordinators
- Adhere to advice and carry out any instructions given by the Puppy Co-ordinators, keeping them updated regularly on the progress of the dog
- Attend regular puppy training classes
- Allow a Puppy Co-ordinator to visit you in your home to carry out regular assessments and support visits
- To ensure, if and when appropriate, that the puppy receives emergency veterinary care as soon as possible and that Dogs for Good is informed at the earliest opportunity.

Desired skills/abilities:

Although no experience is necessary as all relevant support and training will be provided, Puppy Socialisers are required to meet the following criteria:

- You should live within one of our specified puppy scheme areas in the Banbury, Bristol, or North West regions
- You have a fully fenced, safe and secure garden
- Any children within the home should be over the age of two years old, although younger children may be taken into consideration
- You are away from the puppy for no more than four hours a day (two hours when the puppy is under 16 weeks of age)
- Your circumstances and routine are reasonably stable and consistent
- You are able to provide the puppy with regular exercise, contact with children, other dogs and cats.

What you will gain from volunteering in this role:

- The satisfaction of knowing you have played an important role in a life changing service
- Learning new skills to gain a better understanding of dog training
- The opportunity to be part of a team and meet new people
- Meeting other volunteers at social events organised by the Charity.

Disclosure & Barring Service Check: Not required