

VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role: **Long-term dog Buddy**

Hours: Indefinite periods as agreed with the Kennel Manager

Location: Your own home/dog walks

Reports to: Kennels Manager

OVERALL PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

To 'make a difference together for All animals'.

You will provide the vital role of supporting the Kennel staff by giving a long term dog extra TLC. This may include respite periods of afternoon or day visits to your own home which could have the potential to develop into short term foster periods, for e.g. weekend stays. By spending time away from the rescue this will help the dog to relax, become familiar with a home environment, enjoy walks catered to their needs and generally have a pleasurable time away from the rescue, which will enhance their quality of life.

You will need to deliver an excellent standard of care, caring for the animal's daily needs, helping prepare them for the day when they are rehomed.

You will be making a real and valuable difference to their chances of a happy and healthy new life.

You must be able to give the animal the same care and attention you would your own, whilst accepting that they will not be with you permanently.

All necessary equipment, food and veterinary treatment will be provided by the rescue. Fuel costs cannot be reimbursed.

KEY TASKS

Do You Have?

- Experience with dogs
- Your own transport to visit the dog at the rescue, and transport the dog if or when needed. You may also be required to collect medical supplies, food, bedding etc
- Flexibility with your time and availability

Can you provide?

- A quiet stress free environment
- A pet free home
- Email updates with pictures of the dog in your home
- A first class standard of care whilst the dog is in your care

Can you commit?

- To spending at least 4-6 weeks getting to know the dog kennel staff consider to be best suited to you. Please note that the length of time taken to get to know dog is all dependent on the dog and how many times you are available to visit the rescue each week
- To regularly visiting the dog for a minimum of twice a week while you are building a relationship with them
- To following instructions given by the kennel staff at all times
- Visiting the dog very regularly over a long term period. Without this commitment there is no point going through the long 'get to know' process
- To undergo and pass a home check. Please note that you will be required to have a secure yard/garden area
- To communicate the unique values and ethos of Freshfields to the public, presenting a positive approach and a credible image of the charity at all times
- To generate discussion, understanding, investment and further involvement in the work of the charity
- To follow Freshfields Animal Rescue policies and procedures at all times

KEY SKILLS AND QUALITIES

1. Confident around dogs
2. Reliable and trustworthy
3. Compassionate and empathetic
4. Able to take direction and follow detailed instruction from Kennel staff regarding the animals' individual needs
5. Willing to keep in regular contact with kennel staff and raise any concerns about the dog immediately
6. Able to manage the physical demands of the post

TIME COMMITMENT

Indefinite periods as agreed with the kennel manager.