

Dogs for Good makes life changing differences for people with disabilities. We work to support people and communities through the help of a trained dog, improving and enriching the lives of both.



Assistance Dogs

Our assistance dogs support adults and children with a range of disabilities and also children with autism, providing practical support, increased confidence and enabling greater independence.

Community Dogs

We train activity and therapy dogs to work with specialist handlers in communities and schools. Working alongside a professional handler, our dogs support children in Special Educational Needs schools, older people in homes and adults with autism.

Family Dogs

Our PAWS Family Dog team gives advice and support to help families with a child with autism get the most out of their relationship with their pet dog. The series of three one day workshops use a combination of practical demonstrations, discussions, hands on learning and course hand outs.

Costs of Training an Assistance Dog - all figures are approximate

£13,900 It takes approximately two years to train a dog – from 8wks old until matched with their disabled partner. Matching the right dog to each person so that the dog's skills and character best compliment the person's needs and lifestyle.



£800 Annual Partnership Support covers aftercare visits, admin and associated sundry cost for each partnership. These visits are to ensure all is well, monitor training for the dog to adapt to changes within the person's health and needs, organise boarding for dogs if the person is away on holiday or in hospital.

£22,000 The Lifetime Support, from puppy to retirement. Supporting the training of each dog, matching with a client and full aftercare support for the duration of the partnership (approximately 10 years). Dogs are semi-retired at around 8-10yrs old and fully retired between 11-12yrs old.

"75p of every £1 we raise goes directly to making a life changing difference to someone with a disability through contact with a dog."



Demand for our services

Each year, we are inundated with enquiries from people who are desperate to feel the life-changing benefit of a partnership with a dog - far more than we can currently help.

Service Enquiries:

In 2016 – 2,500 enquiries

In 2017 – 4,000 enquiries

In 2018 – 5,200 enquiries



Training Statistics

50 We currently aim to train around 50 dogs per year which isn't nearly enough to cover the demand.

296 Current number of working partnerships.

1271 Family Dog Service users

898 dogs trained since 1988 (figures correct as at end December 2018)



Our Vision, Mission and Values

Our Vision

A world in which everyone and every community is able to benefit from the help of a trained dog.

Our Mission

We bring trained dogs and people together to help them overcome specific challenges and enrich and improve the lives of both.

Funding

Dogs for Good relies hugely on donations, grants and legacies and needs to raise £3.2m each year to fund its work.

Dogs for Good

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