



## **Volunteer Role Description: Adult Raiser**

*National Service Dogs (NSD) is a registered charity based in Cambridge, ON Canada specializing in training Service Dogs for individuals with Autism, PTSD, Canine Assisted Intervention Dogs, and Companion Dogs for a diverse group of clients.*

**Objective:** Support a future Service Dog along their final stage of training. Adult Raisers care for, maintain training, and provide a loving home for a dog that has started NSD University.

**Reports to:** Training Team & Health Coordinator

**Location:** (could include)

- Your Home
- NSD Office (1286 Cedar Creek Rd., Cambridge)
- Cambridge Veterinary Services (1223 Cedar Creek Rd, Cambridge)
- Oxford County Veterinary Clinic (570 Ingersoll Ave, Woodstock)
- Varying Public Locations in and around the Region of Waterloo

**Hours and Scope:** Adult Raiser volunteers welcome the dog into their homes when the dog is between 14-16 months old. The volunteer would care for the dog full-time until they move to their forever family. There is no set timeline for how long this could take.

Dogs will first spend all their time with their Adult Raiser. Practicing and perfecting their skills. Once the dog is ready, determined from NSD assessments, the dog will come to NSD for daytime University training Monday through Friday and spend every evening and non-training days in the Adult Raiser's care.

Outside of routine care and training maintenance for the dog, NSD requirements are approximately 5-25 hours a month.

### **Tasks and Responsibilities:**

- Daily care of the dog including feeding, providing fresh water, grooming, and exercise
- Volunteers provide; crate, treats, toys, a dog bed, bowls, etc. (food and vet care are covered by NSD)
- Maintain and practice training with the support of NSD staff



- Notify the Health Coordinator about changes in the dogs health
- Notify the Training Team about changes in the dogs behaviours and training
- Complete weekly feedback forms
- Welcome feedback and advice from the Training Team
- Attend training classes a minimum of once a month
- Transport the dog to vet and other appointments as required
- Support in transportation of the dog to and from NSD University (Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm)
- Other tasks as required

**Minimum Requirements:**

- Live within 30 minutes of NSD
- Children that live in the home must be over 1 year of age
- Maximum of 2 personal dogs that are at least 1 year of age

**Advancements:** Puppy Raiser