



Volunteer Role Description: Breeder Caretaker

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: Play a vital role in the making of future Service Dogs. Breeder Caretaker volunteers care for, maintain training, and provide a loving home for our dams (moms) and their puppies or sires (dads).

Reports to: Health & Breeding Coordinator

Location: (could include)

- Your Home
- NSD Office (1286 Cedar Creek Road, Cambridge)
- Cambridge Veterinary Services (1223 Cedar Creek Rd, Cambridge)
- Oxford County Veterinary Clinic (570 Ingersoll Ave, Woodstock)
- Graham Animal Hospital (98A Trafalgar Rd N, Hillsburgh)
- Lions Foundation Breeding Facility (3751 Chilligo Rd, Breslau)
- Varying public locations in and around the Region of Waterloo

Hours and Scope: Breeder Caretaker volunteers welcome the breeder dog into their home when the dog is between 1-2 years of age. The volunteer would care for the dog until retirement from the breeding program. NSD maintains ownership of the dog and could transition them from the breeding program to become a working Service Dog should the circumstances be such.

Outside of routine care and training maintenance for the dog, NSD requirements are 1-10 hours a month possibly during working hours (8am - 4pm). These hours are referring to attending training classes, vet/breeding appointments and any other travel required. Additional requirements will be dependent on the female's heat cycles.

Our pregnant moms will move to a Whelping Home (if the breeder caretaker is unable to whelp) two weeks before their puppies are due. They will remain at the Whelping Home for approximately 8 weeks with their puppies.



Tasks and Responsibilities:

Everyday:

- Daily care of the dog including feeding, providing fresh water, grooming and exercise
- Volunteers provide; crate, leash, collar, treats, toys, a dog bed, bowls, etc. (food and vet care are covered by NSD)
- Maintain and practice training with support of NSD staff
- Attend training classes a minimum of once a month
- Be able to transport the dog to vet/breeding appointments as required
- Notify NSD Breeding and Health Coordinator about changes in the dogs health, behaviour, and when the dog comes into heat
- Other tasks as required

Requirements:

- Live within 45 minutes of NSD
- Children that live in the home must be over 5 years of age
- Maximum of 2 personal dogs, that must be at least 1 year of age

Advancements: Puppy Starter, Puppy Raiser