

# Scotland and Northern Ireland Puppy Raising update

## Introduction

Welcome to our update from Scotland and Northern Ireland, I hope you are all enjoying some of the early June sunshine and remembering to keep yourself and pups hydrated.

## News and updates

For volunteers new to their role in Puppy Raising I thought best to firstly introduce the team. We currently have a team of 10 Puppy Development Advisors - David MacKay, Jude Taylor, David Smith, Joan Van-Eijk, Rosheen Milner, Erin McArthur, Jade Stevens, Karyn McCarthy, Emma Steele, Fiona Fraser and our Puppy Development Supervisor - Lorna Barclay.

We recently successfully recruited a second supervisor and I am delighted to let everyone know Fiona will be joining Lorna in this post bringing with her all her years of knowledge and experience. This will allow for recruitment for a Puppy Development Advisor in the Glasgow Area supporting our growth and new Puppy Raising applications. As for myself, I come under the Canine Assistant Services Managers role for Puppy Raising and have certainly found every day to be a school day in the Puppy Raising Department.

I know since the start of Kallidus learning we have listened to your feedback and made changes which I hope allows easier navigation through this great learning platform, we have had lovely feedback on the foundation course and how much everyone has enjoyed getting to know other volunteers and PDA's. My own IT skills are not the best so please ask for support if you would like help in getting access to Kallidus or to cover aspects of this learning during visits or puppy classes.

We have sourced new photographers for our Forfar and Glasgow teams, I hope when you receive your pup's photo you will be pleased with the quality. The pictures are usually taken of pups at around 12 - 16 weeks into training, so it can take some time until qualification and the pictures are sent out.

I would like to add a shout out to all our volunteers nominated this year for the Local Volunteer Awards, there was some great feedback on all our local events and very worthy and heartfelt nominations.

For everyone who did not make it this year, you are all amazing and thank you, we could not do what we do without you.

Best Summer Wishes,

Gillian Flynn

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