

South East Puppy Raising update

Introduction



I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and express my sincere gratitude to you in volunteering for Guide Dogs. My name is Helena Gibbons, and I am the Operations Manager for Puppy Raising for the South East.

Since joining Guide Dogs in 2005 as an apprentice Guide Dog Mobility Instructor, I have been fortunate to work in various roles that have shaped my passion for the work Guide Dogs do.

Recently, I made the transition into the world of puppy raising, and I have been thoroughly enjoying the experience of getting to know the team of Puppy Development Supervisors, Puppy Development Advisors and our wonderful Puppy Raising Volunteers. As most of my Guide Dogs' career has focused on the advanced training, matching and client training and support, it's been both lovely and interesting to learn more and get a better understanding the beginning of the dogs' journey.

I believe that strong connections and collaboration between puppy raising and our training teams are vital for the success of our endeavours and want to foster a seamless flow of knowledge, from us so we can ensure the best outcomes for our puppies.

Once again, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for the time, effort, and dedication you bring to our team. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time if you have questions or concerns.

News and updates

We are thrilled to introduce two new Puppy Development Advisors to the team, who will be taking on new scheme areas for us, increasing our volunteer reach and puppy raising capacity.

Mandy Jones joins us from another Assistance Dog Charity and Chloe Southby joins us from a dog rescue, training and rehoming background. Both have excellent dog knowledge and will be an asset to the team. We are excited to tap into their expertise and see our capacity grow.

Local events

A reminder that we are holding information sessions concerning the transition to our Guide Line telephone line, to support all Puppy Raiser inquiries and communication. If you'd like to attend please select the meeting that best suits your availability from the following options:

1. Date: 07th July 2023, time: 4 - 5pm
2. Date: 10th July 2023, time: 1 - 2pm
3. Date: 12th July 2023, time: 5 - 6pm

To RSVP for the meeting of your choice, please email londonpwsupportworkers@guidedogs.org.uk who will send you the Zoom Link.

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