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**Welcome to our volunteer newsletter**



Dear Louise.

Welcome to our first official volunteer newsletter from Canine Partners! This newsletter is all about you, your stories, and how you continue to make a difference to our charity. Every single one of you plays a part in creating partnerships that change lives in so many ways.

I'm Louise, Volunteer Manager. I've worked for Canine Partners for five years and my role involves supporting volunteer recruitment and registrations, maintaining GDPR compliant mechanisms for recording data, and coordinating get-togethers.

I am incredibly proud of our volunteering community and am thrilled with what we have achieved so far this year. We recently celebrated 40 years of Volunteers' Week, and I'm so excited that we have launched our Volunteer Online Portal, a resource that holds all the information to support you while volunteering for us.

We welcome your feedback, suggestions, comments, and questions. If there is anything you want us to include in this newsletter, please email [volunteer@caninepartners.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@caninepartners.org.uk)

Thank you for choosing Canine Partners to support and give your time to. We have the best, extraordinary volunteer team!

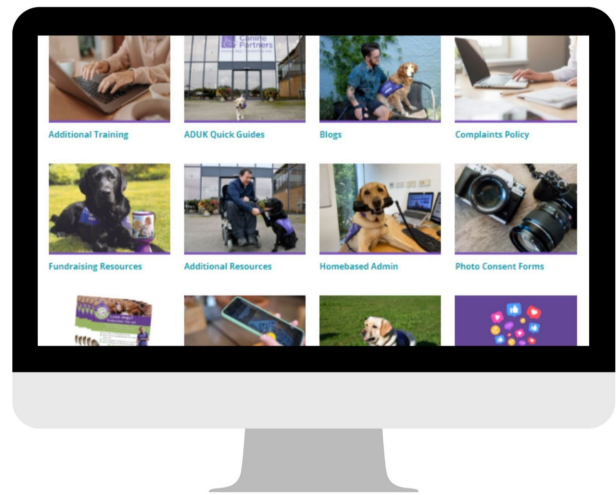
Best wishes,

**Louise Mullen**

**Volunteer Manager at Canine Partners**

## **Volunteer online portal**

We are very excited to share with you the launch of an online portal for volunteers. This portal will give you online access to all the resources you need to support you in your volunteering role. To log in, use the password: **C@n1ne1990!**



[View the portal](#)

## Volunteers' Week 2024

June was a busy month for all of us at Canine Partners with Volunteers' Week and our various get-togethers across the UK. We love being able to meet up with our community and talk face-to-face. We held events at our National Training Centre in Leicestershire, down in the South in Petworth and up in Scotland in Falkirk and Aberdeen!

Click the button below to view photos from the events.



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## Volunteer walk-in sessions

Monthly volunteer walk-in sessions take place at our National Training Centre following our open mornings. Join the People Team for refreshments, while finding out more about our amazing volunteering opportunities. All sessions are from 12.00pm-2.00pm.

**16 July**

**6 August**

**12 September**

**23 October**

**8 November**

Please contact [volunteer@caninepartners.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@caninepartners.org.uk) to confirm your attendance.

[Confirm your attendance](#)

## Advanced Training workshops

Our Advanced Training Team held their first Induction and Training evening in February. These evenings are a great opportunity to meet staff and volunteers, enjoy cake, all while you continue to learn and develop your skills for the dogs in your care.

We are holding Induction and Training sessions throughout 2024. If you are an Advanced Training Fosterer or want to find out more about this role, please join us on the following dates. All sessions are from 5.00pm-6.30pm

Please email [fostertraining@caninepartners.org.uk](mailto:fostertraining@caninepartners.org.uk) to let us know which session you would like to attend.

- **Wednesday 31 July** - How to deal with distractions on and off lead
- **Wednesday 28 August** – Induction evening
- **Thursday 12 September** - How to deal with distractions on and off lead
- **Thursday 17 October** – Induction evening

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## Amazing partnerships

We are excited to have launched our two new services at the end of June. Find out more about them on our website here [caninepartners.org.uk/apply](https://caninepartners.org.uk/apply)

### Home assistance canine

Our home assistance canines are tailor-trained to their partner's needs and can carry out important practical tasks inside the home but not in public. This could include retrieving dropped items, calling help in an emergency, helping with undressing, and many more.





## Canine companion

A canine companion is placed in a home where there is an adult or a child with a physical disability or condition who would benefit from the companionship and emotional support a dog can provide, but where practical support from the dog is not required. These special dogs also give other social benefits of dog ownership, such as friendship and reduced loneliness.

## Website updates



One of the benefits to being an officially registered member of our community, is exclusive access to training and webinars from our expert Operations Team.

[View webinars](#)



Grief can come in many different forms and can invoke a range of emotions. We've created a page to provide you with bereavement support.

[Find out more](#)



We have a dedicated web page for Scotland which details volunteering opportunities and events.

[Find out more](#)

## Pin badges

Get in touch at [volunteer@caninepartners.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@caninepartners.org.uk) for one of the new 'Volunteer for us' pin badges.

We also have an email signature and leaflet, which will help to spread awareness of our amazing charity. If you can help by adding the signature to your email or distributing leaflets in your local area, please get in touch via [volunteer@caninepartners.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@caninepartners.org.uk)



## Home based admins

We have a wonderful team of passionate volunteers who provide home-based admin support for a few hours a week. This vital role supports the smooth running and timely information capture for our volunteer registration process and day-to-day operations.

Please get in touch via [volunteer@caninepartners.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@caninepartners.org.uk) if you would like to join our admin and data team.

## ADUK Knowledge Sharing Programme

Over the last two years, ADUK's Knowledge Sharing Programme has proved to be a fantastic opportunity for members and candidates to showcase their knowledge and experience.

Sessions are held remotely via Teams and are open to all staff and volunteers from ADUK member organisations.



**Assistance Dogs (UK)**

[Register for a session](#)



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