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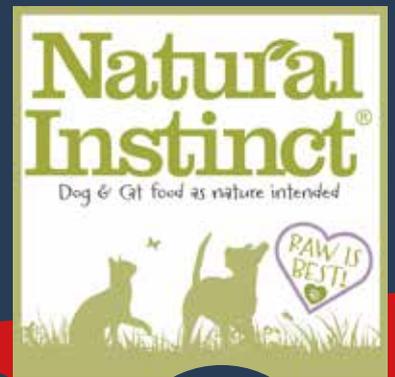
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## Chairs' Report

**Approaching winter this year brings with it many unknowns for us all. Dog A.I.D. has undergone some changes in the last year as well as, like many other charities, recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic. We are endeavouring to plan cautiously and as safely as possible for dealing with the backlog of work that the pandemic has presented us. We have much work still to do and we cannot, and should not, detract from the quality and standards of service we want to provide, this takes time to work through and we thank everyone for their ongoing support and patience.**

Particular thanks to Alison, our charity manager, and the office team for continuing to support our clients and trainers with an efficient service while finding their way in challenging post Covid times.

Co-chairing and sharing of the role chair of trustees means we have a split

of tasks while working together on chairing the board of trustees and guiding the charity forward. The co-chair model is used successfully by many other charities and we are thrilled to undertake the roles.

We have much to look forward to, our focus remains to strive to provide a great consistent, standardised approach to training, assessment, and trainer CPD. We hope to reintroduce the 'in person' workshops next year and to further develop assessment standards and increasing the number of assessors with an accredited Level 3 award in assessing in conjunction with Reaseheath College.

Emerging from Covid-19, we aim to continue to improve the reach and delivery of extended and improved services throughout the UK, building on the use of technology and lessons learned through the pandemic.

We hope the approaching festive period means good times spent with family and friends and a positive start to the New Year.

**Debbie Broomfield and Lynn Stacey**



## Debbie Broomfield



I joined the board of trustees in Autumn last year, looking for a new challenge. I was inspired by the work that Dog A.I.D. was involved in and being a strong believer in the positive partnership and bond we have with our dogs I was welcomed to the board. When first asked about the role of co-chair, I pondered the possibilities:

- What would be the challenges?

- What are the advantages of sharing the role between two people?
- Could I work effectively with someone that I had only first met, and then only virtually, less than a year ago?

I am so pleased I took the plunge. Learning new things every day and working alongside Lynn, with her extensive experience of the charity, is a pleasure.

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## Lynn Stacey



I have been involved with the charity for many years, first as a client with my then qualified dog Bella, then a Dog A.I.D. trainer and trainer representative on the board of trustees for over a year. I am honoured to be undertaking co-chair and look forward to working with Debbie, the co-chair model brings many advantages, effectively sharing the

role and using our skills in different areas can only be of benefit to the charity.

I know first-hand what a difference the charity can make to the lives of our clients. Dog A.I.D. changed my life for the better and I am lucky to have the opportunity to give back to the charity I am so passionate about.



# Welcome New team member



**A warm welcome to our newest team member, Alison Barrett, Charity Manager.**

In the relatively short time I have been with Dog A.I.D. I have gained a greater understanding of what a difference assistance dogs truly make to people's lives, their confidence and independence. Our volunteer dog trainers do a wonderful job of building on the bond we have with our pet dogs and without them, our supporters and trustees, this fantastic work would not happen. I started at quite a challenging time. Coming

out of the Covid19 lockdowns and restrictions has meant we feel we are currently rolling a boulder up a steep hill. We are needing to secure funding and are very appreciative of the fundraising people do on our behalf, to keep us running. We are still catching up on things which were delayed or put on hold due to Covid19 as well as processing new enquiries and ensuring our policies, processes and systems are as we need them to be.

I have worked in the public sector virtually all my life. I have worked for a number of charities and recognise the difference the charity sector makes to so many people's lives. We are currently a very small staff team, Tara, Laura and I are working hard to continue delivering and developing the service and very much appreciate people's understanding, support and patience.

Alison Barrett, Charity Manager



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## Fundraisers Needed

We have been so lucky and privileged to have so many people undertake fundraising on our behalf with their local communities, churches, and schools over the years. This has brought in a huge amount of money for us.

Coming out of the pandemic, as we all hope we now are, fundraising has never been more important to us, as nearly every charity is struggling more than ever for funds. If you would like to get involved in raising money for us by selling your preloved items at a car boot, hosting a table top sale in your local community hall, 'shaking a tin' in the entrance of your local supermarket or would like ideas and

support to raise funds for us then please get in touch with Laura at the office [laura.jackson@dogaid.org.uk](mailto:laura.jackson@dogaid.org.uk) or 01743 588469

Below is a piece Rosanne Moss wrote about her recent fundraising on behalf of Dog A.I.D. which may give you inspiration.

### **Fund-raising with Bosco**

When Bosco and I were in our final stage of training, I hoped that we would be able to raise funds by visiting schools and care homes. We worked out a good routine to demonstrate Bosco's skills, but he was not allowed to start until he had passed his final exam.

Sadly, my mother's health then deteriorated significantly which put a lot of onus on me and with my own health complications our plans were reluctantly shelved.

Bosco helps with the shopping by carrying a basket. He's a regular churchgoer and takes his basket to church, too, so that I have everything I might need to hand. Once after attending a funeral, we were walking away when somebody put a fiver in Bosco's basket. Back home, I put it in the Dog A.I.D. collecting tin that we had been sent.

As I was getting over a series of family bereavements and hoping to try my an original idea I had of going in to care



homes with Bosco, the pandemic struck and put a stop to everything.

Terrified of catching Covid-19 because viral infections hit me hard and I get serious secondary chest infections, we spent the first few months in isolation, our home-help Ralph, doing our shopping. It was a relief when first Ralph and then I were vaccinated. However, a fortnight after my first vaccination, I caught the dreaded virus and was very ill.

It took four or five months to recover from overwhelming fatigue but I'm sure that knowing my limitations and how to pace myself helped. I was much better when we had our Benefice Pet Service at St Faith's in Kelshall, and our rector kindly sought permission for Bosco and I to make a collection for Dog A.I.D. during the service. I was amazed at people's generosity.

Bosco carried his basket, and it was soon filled with notes; he got £115! I carried the collecting tin, and it was soon heavy with coins. With what we had collected from chance donations and Mum's memorial,

we had raised £148 and were delighted to transfer this to Dog A.I.D.

One of our congregation, Sue, was arranging this year's Fun Dog Show and barbecue in Kelshall and she kindly invited us to raise more funds at the show. Once again Bosco carried his basket and I the tin and once more we met with great generosity, collecting over £154 which I have finally been able to bank and transfer to Dog A.I.D. Going to the bank is a major undertaking these days but Bosco, realising how the pandemic has deprived people of tactile comfort, goes up and down the queue offering much appreciated dog therapy. We're so glad to have been able to help in these difficult times and, having discovered Bosco's gift as a fundraiser, we'll be looking for more such opportunities in the future.

Thank you to Rosanne Moss for your wonderful fundraising which makes such a difference to the work Dog A.I.D. is able to do.



# Why Lynn Stacey, Co-chair, thinks Natural Instinct is best for her dogs

It is so important for me to feed my dogs the best possible diet for their health and well-being, I love them and want the best for them. Our Assistance dogs work hard and give so much to us, I feel the least I can do for my dogs is to make sure they have a healthy diet.

For my dogs, that healthy diet is raw and comes in the form of Natural Instinct food and they absolutely love it, also it is convenient for me, I order, and it's delivered the next day! just defrost and feed.

When Bella was young, she had dry skin and a dull coat, I tried numerous remedies, shampoos, supplements and diets, when I started feeding raw, within weeks her skin had cleared up and her coat was shiny and healthy, the

transformation was remarkable, and I wished I had tried raw sooner.

I know the benefits a raw diet brings to my dogs' health overall; on our annual checks my vet always comments how fit the dogs are and in particular how great Bella's teeth are for a 10 year old dog. For me and my dogs, raw is best but If you are worried about feeding raw because it seems time consuming or difficult to manage, it really isn't, if I can do it as a vegan, anyone can!

Natural Instinct are also beyond kind in their support of Dog A.I.D. which means we can help more disabled people train their pet dog to become Assistance Dogs, and for that we are forever grateful.



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# Partnership progress

**Well done to the Clients-Dog Partnerships and their Trainers who have achieved success since our Summer 2021 Newsletter!**

## LEVEL 1

Deb Barton - George  
Alexis O'Sullivan - Finley  
Paul Jones - Bonnie  
Neil Kerr - Sheba  
Lucy Wynne Morgan - Luda  
Hazel Hicklin - Teddy  
Sarah Parrish - Vega  
Nicola Rea - Ava  
Susan Mould - Monty  
Sarah Beirne - Teddy  
Caroline Ogle - Casper  
Ryan Ellis - Logan  
Zoe-Ann Green - Theo  
Judith King - Lulu  
Alison Mann - Uneq  
Richard Shields - Odin  
Ffion Griffiths - Vera  
Alexis Highley - Pwdin  
Mary Ann Holland - Koda  
Andrea Lythgoe - Willow

## LEVEL 2

Deborah Longbone - Vega  
Julie Lenane - Milo  
Janice Oliver - Skye  
Laura Hood - Nesta  
Nicola Rea - Ava  
Alexis O'Sullivan - Finley  
Becca Gemlo-Dunstan - Luna  
Lisa Austin - Senna  
Rachel Hayes - Millyrose

## LEVEL 3

Rachel Lane - Finty  
Lisa Austin - Senna  
Ben Moss - Phoebe  
Karen Smith - Teddy Bear  
Ciara Doyle - Odin  
Deborah Longbone - Vega  
Isabelle Lewis - Hope  
Elizabeth McCall - Nalu  
Ashlee Ankers - Tia  
Sue Freeman - River  
Abi Cappleman - Pepper  
Dawn Jackson - Skylah  
Catelyn Wright - Maisey  
Abi Thompson - Bracken  
Susanne Young Hotz - Mutz  
Lillie Abbott - Zeke  
Carrie Pollock and Arlo  
Rachel Hayes - Millyrose  
Lizzie Does - Theo  
Carrie Pollock - Arlo  
Chantelle Rae Bradley - Star

**Well done everyone!**



# Annual General Meeting **AGM 2021**

Belinda Johnson (Chair) opened the AGM Saturday 31 July 2021, once again being held on Zoom due to Covid19 restrictions. Belinda welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their hard work and commitment to the charity especially during the challenges of the previous year. She thanked the volunteer dog trainers without whom the charity wouldn't be able to achieve all it does, the clients and their dogs for their patience and adaptability as things had to be done differently due to the restrictions.

There was a special thank you to the staff team who had gone the extra mile during the year to keep things going. Rachel Rodgers, who has now left the charity to take up a new opportunity was especially thanked for the work she had done to develop Dog A.I.D. and also in respect of ensuring adaptability in delivery so training could continue.

Trustees past and present were also thanked as they had also gone over and above to ensure the 'show was kept on the road' in the previous year or so.

A special thank you was given to Sandra Fraser and Caroline Lewis who had both recently stood down after many years as committed and hardworking trustees on the board. Belinda highlighted

their many achievements including Sandra being the Chair of the board for many years, being an active member of ADUK and being instrumental in setting training and assessment standards for assistance dogs. Caroline worked tirelessly in supporting clients, establishing partnerships with other organisations, raising Dog A.I.D.'s profile via technology and many achievements in terms of community fundraising. Sandra is to continue her involvement as a Patron of the charity.

Andrew Binks (Treasurer), who joined Dog A.I.D. February 2021 introduced himself and then presented his report. The pandemic has had a detrimental impact on the funding and fundraising for Dog A.I.D. and ensuring the Charity is on a secure financial footing going forward will be a key priority.

Helene Raynsford, para-Olympian and client of Dog A.I.D. gave a talk on her life, which has had many ups and downs, highs and lows which many people would struggle to pick themselves up from and move on to the next challenge with such positivity. As a child Helene trained at the Royal Ballet School before an injury ended her chances of becoming a professional dancer. She then studied biochemistry, but an accident meant she had to relearn

almost everything, including basic living skills. Before taking up rowing Helene was a member of the Great Britain wheelchair basketball team from 2003 until 2006 and won two Paralympic Cup silver medals in the sport.

Helene told the meeting how it came about that she took up rowing in 2005 and competed in the national championships that year. In May 2006 she posted a qualifying time that earned her entry to the World Championships, but her preparations were disrupted by a car accident that left her quite badly injured. Despite this she went on to win her heat and then the final to become world champion in the arms-only single sculls. She qualified for the 2008 Paralympics. At the Paralympic Games in Beijing, China, where rowing made its debut appearance at the Games. Helene became the first ever Paralympic champion in the sport, winning the women's single sculls.

It was a very entertaining and inspirational talk concluding with how she came to be a client with Dog A.I.D. with her dog Amber.

\*Bee recently stepped down as Chair for personal reasons and Lynn Stacey and Debbie Broomfield are now Co-Chairs. Bee is now Secretary and Isobel Michael continues as Vice-Chair.

# Ode to Odin



A dog came to training on Tuesdays, club night  
And when he arrived we thought “What a fright!”  
All hairy and bouncy and scarily big  
With an attitude saying “I don’t give a fig!”  
He acted the fool for ages it seems  
He wasn’t exactly the dog of your dreams!  
When let off the lead, round the hall he would go  
At hair-raising speed, not caring, and so ...  
He stayed on the lead, poor lad was confined  
While we all did our best to start changing his mind.  
And gradually, slowly, the info got through  
And he started to do what we thought he should do!  
He learnt lots of things and calmed down a bit  
He walked slowly and calmly, he knew that was it.  
He’d pick up the lead, he’d walk out ahead,  
He’d sit, stop, and settle, and go to his bed.  
He gave up his thieving and naughty ways too  
And, Ciara, we saw his devotion to you.  
He couldn’t abide it if you went away  
So we taught him instead to just Sit and Stay.  
And so, with training and patience and time  
The beautiful Odin fell into line.  
He passed Level One, and then Level Two  
And a while after that Level Three was then due.  
So we went to the park, the café, the bar  
The shops and the mall, nowhere too far.  
And then we were ready, as best it could be  
For Final Assessment, fingers crossed, Level Three!  
We needn’t have worried, it all went okay  
With Odin behaving for most of the day.  
Impressing the judge with how good he could be  
Now fully approved Assistance Dog – Yay!



**By Jenny Harknett**

**Volunteer trainer at Dog A.I.D.**

# From pet dog to Assistance Dog, Exam Invigilator and Covid tester!

**Brian Hickman was medically discharged from the Met Police after he suffered a debilitating spinal injury while on the job that left him reliant on a wheelchair.**

As Brian neared his leaving date, he became anxious with what the future might hold, realising that he needed support beyond that given by his wife and daughters.

Then he found Dog A.I.D. and met a volunteer dog trainer, who helped him train Lily (pictured) to become a fulltime assistance dog.

Brian described Lily as “my little fluffy shadow, my guardian angel in her bright yellow and red jacket”.

“She picks up the post, finds my phone when I fall, alerts people when I am out if I need help and beyond this, she has given me my confidence back,” he added.

“She is my lifeline and I’d be lost without her.”

After his discharge, finding

work with his disability was hard for Brian, and he said Lily helped immeasurably in that regard after she was fully trained and able to be with him around the clock.

With her help in the role, he was offered a job as an exam invigilator at Trinity School in Croydon, helping support certain students and calm their nerves during exams. Covid meant no exams were held last year. However, the school instead became a site for Covid-19 testing in the community and Brian and Lily again stepped in to help out.

“Lily has been exceptional as she always is, thanks to the training of Dog A.I.D. Seeing Lily’s wagging tail and friendly demeanour puts people at ease instantly, making testing much easier and more efficient,” he said “Without Dog A.I.D and Trinity School, I would not have been able to work, or go out by myself for the fear of needing assistance... I cannot thank them enough.

“Having Lily means I have to think about her needs as well as my own, and knowing Lily needs exercise encourages me out the door on many days. “Lily helps not only me but brings happiness to many other people’s lives as well.”

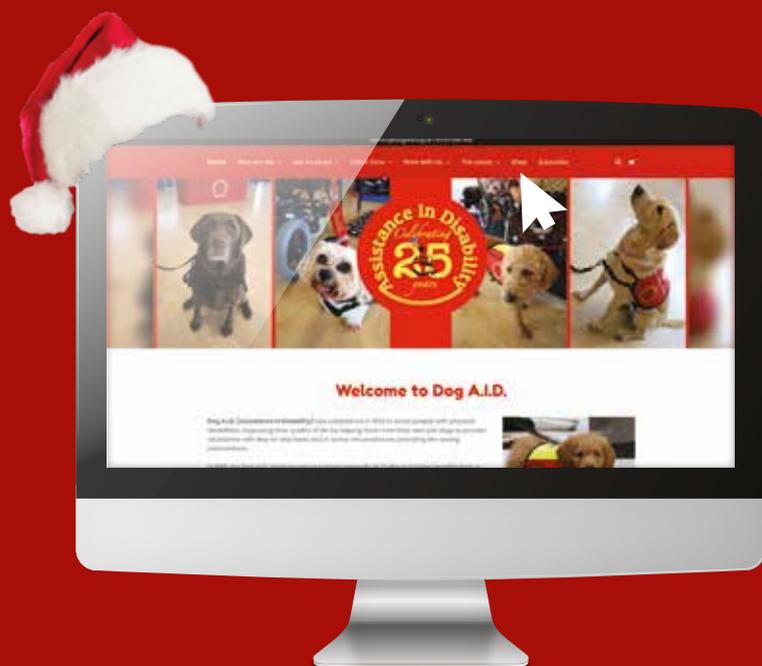


# Christmas is coming!

**Our online shop has different ideas for dog lover gift. So if you're wondering what to buy those special people in your life look no further than Dog A.I.D.'S on line shop.**

We are also selling packs of beautiful Christmas cards designed by Hazel Hicklin. This year we are also selling a calendar featuring photos of many of our wonderful dogs. As always everything is competitively priced, and every penny goes directly to supporting our work.

If you don't have internet access you can contact the office to order your Christmas cards and calendars [admin@dogaid.org.uk](mailto:admin@dogaid.org.uk) 07143 588469



## Electronic or Paper?

We are always looking for ways to help our environment and keep things simple for our clients, trainers, and readers.

Moving forward we are asking if you would be happy to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter? Dog A.I.D. are happy to continue supplying paper copies but are now giving the option to "be greener" by offering an electronic copy.

If this is something you would be interested in, please do let us know by emailing [admin@dogaid.org.uk](mailto:admin@dogaid.org.uk)





# *Beside the sea-side,* **Beside the sea**

Article sent in by Angel Garden

“Hard work but brilliant” is how Lisa Austin described the Dog A.I.D. Intensive Training Course she attended in March 2019. It was Lisa’s first time away with her dog Senna, and she said the experience was “incredible”.

Covid measures have affected all of our lives since the beginning of 2020 and it’s easy to think that every single element has been negative. But Dog A.I.D. in Swansea and surrounding areas has proved recently that some positive things have come out of all the chaos. When Lisa found herself far away from other trainers in Wolverhampton during lockdown, she was paired up with Carole Husein, one of the trainers on the intensive course. Carole suggested she join the new Swansea WhatsApp and Skype messaging and virtual meet-ups. These weekly catch-ups quickly became a treasured hour.

Carole confronted her nervousness of tech to start the online group

when we couldn’t meet up physically and it’s continued throughout the summer, even when we have been able to meet again. At the beginning of September we were finally able to meet and celebrate with Lisa, now fully qualified with her dog Senna, when they came down to spend a week in the area. It was a wonderful holiday feeling as we went to local spots for some training and R&R with our dogs.

We visited Pembrey Country Park, the Wales Botanical Gardens, Carmarthen town centre on a busy market day, and had a lovely pub meal where all the dogs were very well behaved and the food was delicious.

As someone who has had a life-long fear of dogs it was particularly pleasing to me to find myself in a group of people and dogs that I know and to feel so comfortable. Dog A.I.D. certainly transforms lives and we do consider ourselves very lucky

over here as Carole Husein brings a light and very social touch to her teaching resulting in this outspoken friendly and supportive group of six students who respond to it just as well as the dogs do!

We don’t all live in Swansea though. As well as Wolverhampton another member, Rachel Hayes, lives very rurally outside Carmarthen, and has luckily been able to get assessment for herself and her dog Millie from a trainer in Pembrokeshire, Sarah Ellis. Rachel and Millie passed Level 3 recently with flying colours to become a fully qualified team. Congratulations! There are so many lovely places around Swansea for dogs to exercise and train including miles of pristine sandy beach dogs are allowed on all year. A separate group “Swansea Disability and Inclusion Panel” is seeking commitment from the council to improve beach access across Swansea for disabled people. The week’s holiday feeling

emphasises the friendliness and cohesion of the group down here and possibly offers a clue as to why it's so tricky at the moment to find assessors prepared to come to Swansea. Quite obviously they are worried that once they get here they won't want to leave.



Alexis Highley and Pwdin



Lisa and Senna



Carole and Lisa



Rachel Hayes and Millie



The group



Carole Husein - "Not Like That!"



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## WORKING TOWARDS LEVEL 3

If your trainer confirms your dog is ready, the "in training" jacket will be left with you to use between training sessions.



## PASSED LEVEL 3

After passing your assessment, your Qualified Assistance Dog jacket will be made. Our Brand Partner, Natural Instinct currently cover the costs of this. You need to return your in training jacket to the office at this point.



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If your dog is a dual purpose dog with another ADUK charity we can produce a yellow dual purpose jacket for you. You will be invoiced for a £25 non-refundable loan fee.

## OOOPS I LOST MY JACKET

If you lose your jacket please let the office know ASAP. Replacements for lost or damaged jackets of any level will be charged at £30.



## RETIRED DOGS

When your dog retires, your jacket and ADUK book need to be returned to the Dog A.I.D. office. Your book will be updated and posted back to you. For a small fee your jacket can be amended to say "Retired Assistance Dog".

## LEAD SLEEVES

These are purchased through the Dog A.I.D. website. General public can buy "in training" sleeves. Only qualified clients can purchase an "Assistance Dog" lead sleeve.



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# *From Pet to Assistance Dog:* **Care and Training in the Development of Assistance Dog Partnerships**

Jamie Arathoon is a PhD student at the University of Glasgow who has been undertaking research with Dog A.I.D. for two years. They are coming to the end of the process and have written the following piece for the newsletter.

“I would like to thank Dog A.I.D., and everybody involved in the research, learning about the charity, training, dogs, and disability, has been extremely insightful. As part of sharing my research findings, the following article outlines briefly some key findings.

The research explores the human - assistance dog relationship, how training occurred between disabled human and dog, how care was expressed in the relationship and how the bond changes from a human - pet bond to a human - assistance dog bond.

## **Benefits of the Partnership to Humans**

The 32 Dog A.I.D. participants involved in the research explained various benefits of the partnership whether they were still ‘in-training’ or as part of a qualified partnership. The range of different benefits include:

- Increased confidence
- Independence
- Reduced isolation and loneliness
- Getting out and about more
- Meeting new people
- Going to school, college, university, volunteering or work
- Companionship (friendship)
- Improving mental wellbeing or helping with mental ill-health

Drawing out some of the responses about these benefits is important in understanding lived experiences and how the partnership is felt.

“I have had some very trying times of increasing disability, but she has helped me stay in the present, helped me be a productive person, where without her I may have stayed in getting more depressed”.

“My dog gives me the reasons to smile, to laugh, she is such a clown sometimes. My mental wellbeing is much improved having my dog here”.

“Without her I would not have had the confidence to undertake my part time studies at university or visit a wide variety of places with more difficult terrain”.

The role of the assistance dogs in helping manage mental ill-health and improving mental wellbeing was important. This might be an overlooked part of Dog A.I.D.’s work as the assistance dog’s role is to provide physical help, but for many participants the social and emotional

benefit was just as, if not more influential on their daily lives.

For others, their dogs were part of their decision-making to go to college or university to undertake animal-related courses:

“I have actually gone on to do a canine communication diploma... ”.

Even setting up charities around training assistance dogs:

“Setting up Capable Creatures to help people with mental health conditions train their emotional support/mental health assistance dogs and peer support”.

### **Benefits of the Partnership to Dogs**

The main focus is on the benefits to the person but as the partnership develops practices of care change as people change their decision making as they learn to better communicate with their dogs. The three key areas of care explored within the research were everyday care (grooming, feeding etc.), play, and medical care (both in the home and veterinary care). Many people took seriously these

caring decisions, outlining what they thought was best for their dogs having got to know and understand their dog better. Some of the additional benefits also include dogs not being fearful or anxious within certain places anymore.

“She is much more confident in public/ busy situations. She is more tolerant of sudden noise. She is more assertive with our other larger and older male dog”.

### **The Changing Dog, the Changing Bond**

Most people said it was important to have their own dog to train rather than one provided by a charity. For some, the reasoning for this was due to them already having a dog, or already training and working with a dog. The bond with the dog and doing the training together from a young age was key.

“I wanted the bond of having my own dog from a puppy rather than having an adult dog placed with me”.

The change in the bond over time was important, and this was illustrated by the following ways people

described their dogs.

“Family, counsellor, confidante, carer, loved one”.

“She is my pet and my assistance dog ... but also my carer!”, “The way I see him is as a partner”.

The mutual benefit to the person and the dog was conveyed throughout the surveys, interviews, and observed training. The positive training methods and experiences from participants, mean that the dogs are not passive actors but do gain care and companionship from the partnership too. While I have only been able to give a snapshot of the research here, I hope I have captured some of the most important points of the experiences many people so willingly shared with me.”



# Thank you; from Dog A.I.D.

**Thank you to all our clients who make regular donations to us to help with the day to day expense of running the charity and making sure we can support as many partnerships as possible.**

We currently ask clients to make a regular donation which goes towards covering the expense costs of our trainers. Our trainers are professional dog trainers and generously volunteer their time and expertise to Dog A.I.D. free

of charge. Trainers are able to claim back reasonable out of pocket expenses whilst volunteering with us. We appreciate that for many of our trainers the ability to claim back these expenses is really important in making sure they can continue to give their time to us. To help ensure we can continue to cover these expenses we would like to remind clients to make this regular donation via the office as this is a very important part of our regular income.

If you would like to set up a standing order to make this monthly donation or would like further information please get in touch with Tara at the office and she will be happy to help.

We would also like to say a big thank you to those trainers who are in a position to not claim back all of their out of pocket expenses, this further contribution to the charity is very much appreciated.



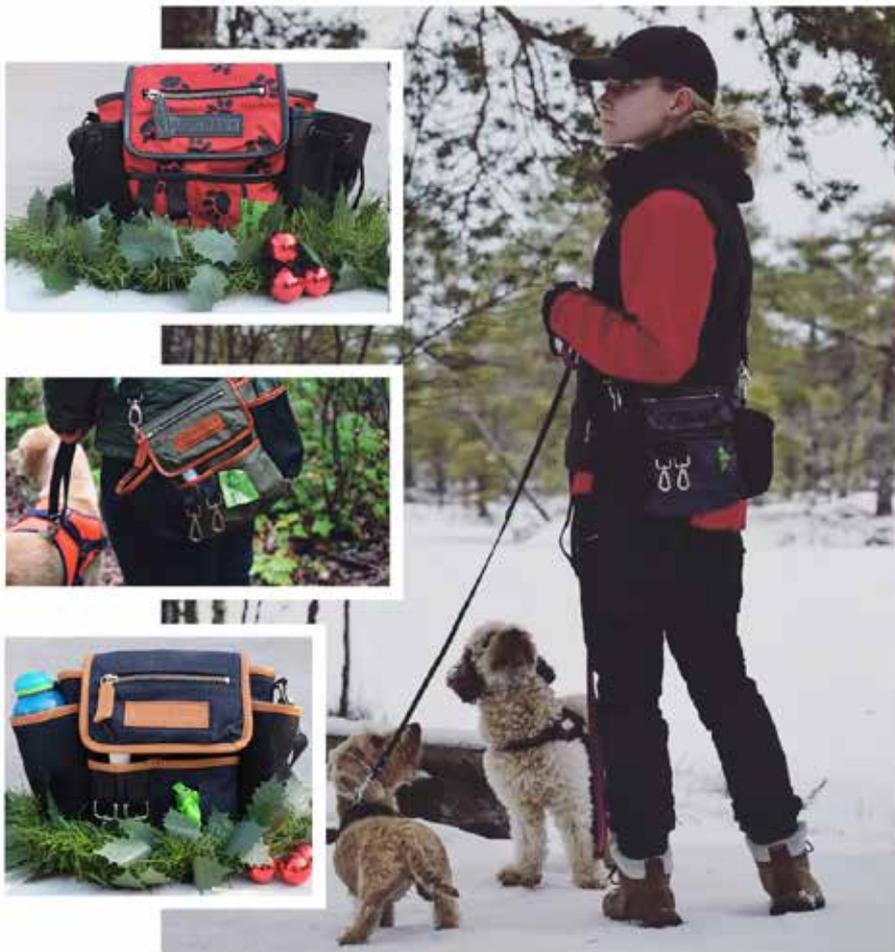
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## Dates for diary

### Spring workshop 2022

The plan is to be held in person, details to be confirmed – watch this space!

### Coffee breaks

26th November - 10:30am  
14th January - 2:00pm

### Christmas drop in

Friday 17th December - 3:00pm  
(Christmas jumpers not essential. Christmas cheer must be brought with.)

### Mental health sessions

2nd December - 05:30pm  
6th January - 10:30am

These sessions will not be recorded but repeated throughout the upcoming year.

### Safeguarding Policy and Health and Safety

Sessions are to be held on the following dates on the recently reviewed Safeguarding Policy and Health and Safety.

All trainers will soon receive your invite to book on these mandated sessions:

Tues 11 January - 10.30am  
Wed 12 January - 2.00pm  
Mon 17 January - 5.00pm  
Thurs 27 January - 11.00am

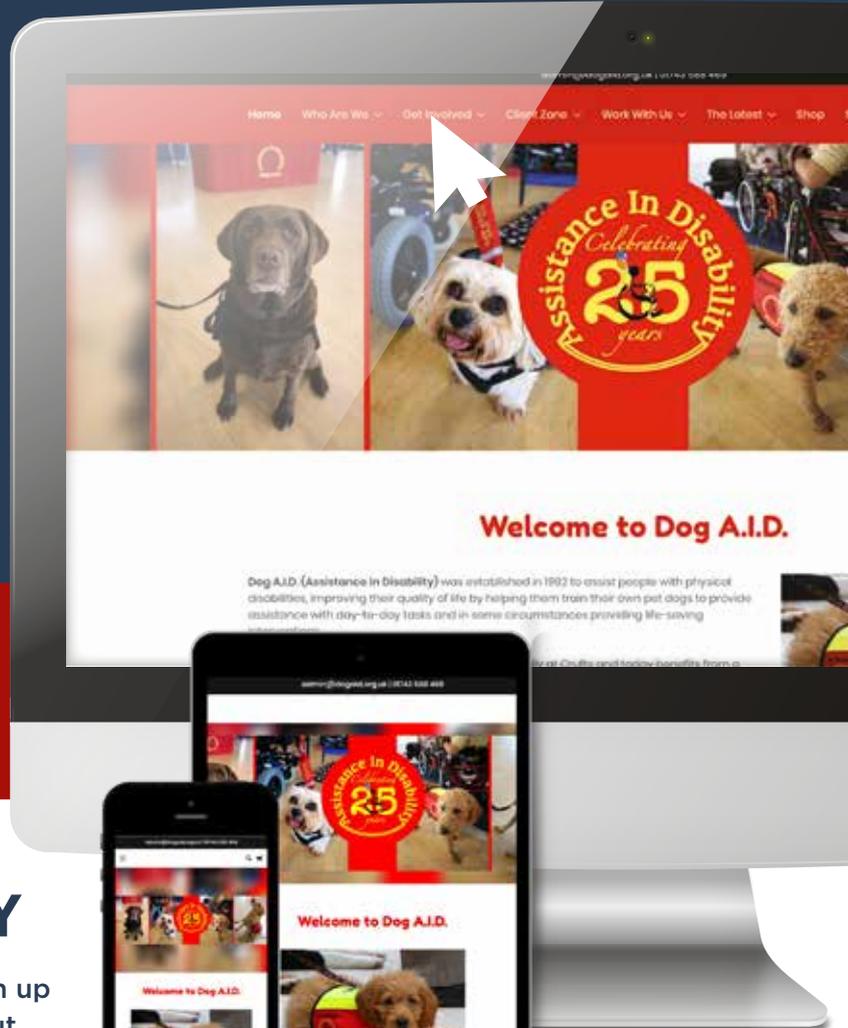




# WAYS TO GIVE

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# Consent form update

Name:

Dog's Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Dog A.I.D. take the protection of your information seriously. We need your contact details, and these will be held securely. All data will be treated in compliance with the GDPR requirements and Data Protection Act 2018. We will have to inform your volunteer trainer of your responses as this will be factored into their work with you.

## Overall Permissions:

I give my consent for Dog A.I.D. to feature

- Myself
- My Dog
- My child(ren);

D.O.B.

Name(s)

## Media Permissions

I give my consent to be featured in the following

- Social Media
- Press Release
- Booklets, leaflets, posters

## Online Work

I understand that when using remote technology for online training that staff and volunteers of Dog A.I.D. may see inside my property and that this is not for surveillance purposes but to assist in training my dog. I understand when I am taking part in training online and that I must ensure I am working in a safe, clear area, free from trips and hazards.

**Signed:**

We ask clients for an updated consent form regularly. Please use this form to complete and post to the office at - Dog A.I.D. Earlyworld House, 7 Darwin Court, Oxon Business Park, Welshpool Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 5AL or scan/take a photo of the completed form and forward it to [admin@dogaid.org.uk](mailto:admin@dogaid.org.uk)

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