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Dear Members – Clients (qualified or in-training), Trainers and Supporters:

Notice is hereby given for the Annual General Meeting of Dog Assistance in Disability

(Registered Charity Number 1178719) to be held virtually via Zoom on:
Saturday 31st July 2021 from 1pm

Date	Days Prior to AGM	Item
1st July 2021	30	Any Proposal for Consideration for the AGM shall be received by the Trustee Board at the Dog Assistance in Disability Office at the address below.
11th July 2021	21	Any Proposal for Consideration for the AGM shall be sent to all registered Members.
17th July 2021	14	Any comments on the Proposals shall be received by the Trustee Board at the Dog Assistance in Disability Office at the address below.
21st July 2021	10	Any comments on the Proposals will be issued to Members. Ballot Papers for postal votes will be issued to Members if requested.
24th July 2021	7	Closing Date for receipt of Ballot Papers from those Members not attending the AGM to vote in person / by proxy.

Wherever possible, Dog Assistance in Disability encourages communication by electronic means and, therefore, Proposals for Consideration and other correspondence can also be sent to admin@dogaid.org.uk

Any Proposal for Consideration must be clear, concise and contain the name of the Proposer. A Proposal Consideration is a matter that will be voted on by the membership during the AGM.

Nomination for Election to the Trustee Board

This year there are no vacancies on the Board. The trustees have recruited new members externally to bring in new skills and experience required on the Board.

The roles of client representative have one more year to run; the role of trainer representative has two more years to run.

Guest speaker, Helene Dyson

Apply to admin@dogaid.org.uk for Zoom invite and agenda



Hello from us at Dog A.I.D.

WELCOME NEW TRUSTEES



Belinda Johnson
Chair of Trustees

Belinda has worked in the charity sector since 2014 in fundraising, impact measurement, capacity building and volunteer management roles. Prior to this, she was a police officer and served for several years as a police dog handler. Outside work, Belinda enjoys spending time with her two dogs, Fred and Hannah, participating in running events and watching cricket.

Coming Soon

Andrew Binks
Treasurer

Andrew is the charity's new Treasurer, with extensive experience in financial services and a qualified Chartered Accountant.



Mitch Payne
Trustee

Mitch is an experienced charity professional who has worked with hundreds of different charities as a consultant. He is currently working for an international disability charity in Shrewsbury where he manages inclusive education and employment projects that empower and advocate for people with disabilities.



Despite all the trials and tribulations of 2020, we ended the year on a high after receiving a grant for just under £10,000 from the National Lottery.

Over half of this grant is ring fenced (set aside) for a project, Training & Development Manager, Rachel is working on which is to support and develop our incredible team of over 100 volunteer dog trainers.

The first part of this project has already started, with 20 of our trainers having their own personal logins for a self-directed training course on the topic of Safe Guarding. Some have already worked through the course in its entirety, receiving their certificates of completion.

Over the next few months all of our trainers will complete this course, giving them up to date knowledge on procedures and legislation that they need to ensure the safety and protection of our Dog A.I.D. clients.

Work is also in the final stages for the next stage of the project, a very exciting collaboration with Reaseheath College in Nantwich, Cheshire.

Rachel is developing a bespoke qualification in assessing to offer our team of volunteer trainers/assessors. This course, Level 3 Award in Assessing, is an A level standard qualification, and will be delivered by members of the Teaching and Learning Centre at Reaseheath College using remote technology and will be assessed via practical assessments which will be held at the college campus in summer of 2021 (Covid allowing!).

This course is thought to be the first of its kind in the Assistance Dog world. It provides clear standards for assessors to use whilst evaluating Dog A.I.D. partnerships throughout their journey from level 1, good companion assessment, through to the final public access test.

By upskilling our trainers with this qualification Dog A.I.D. are ensuring all of our clients receive valid, reliable, fair and flexible assessments giving the best opportunities to succeed in training their dog to qualified Assistance Dog status.

We look forward to updating you on this project further over the coming months!

Any trainers wishing to express an interest in this course can email Rachel. rogers@dogaid.org.uk

TRAINERS OF THE MONTH



Anna Nussey

January 2021

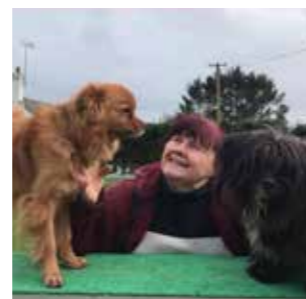
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September www.muttley-matters.co.uk	October www.contentannie.com/	November Rebarkable	December Rebarkable

Join us on Zoom for our

Virtual Client Workshop.

With special focus on 'World Mental Health Day'

9th / 10th October 2021.

more detail to follow



Dog A.I.D. Assessment Timeline

Welcome to Dog A.I.D. - You have successfully applied, your dog is between 6 months and 5 years of age and you're excited and ready to go.

What happens next?

Start your training journey with Dog A.I.D.

Level 1 Assessment

Your Level 1 is usually achieved in the first 6-12 months of being with us. We give you a 6 month probation period however, to ask yourself:

Is this right for me?

Is this right for my dog?

Are we working well with my trainer?

We would love these answers to be yes, but if you have concerns, please let us know.

A minimum of 6 weeks training must take place after Level 1 before the Level 2 assessment.

Level 2 Assessment

Again, there must be a minimum of 6 weeks training after Level 2 before the Level 3 assessment can take place and in addition, in order to meet ADI requirements, you must have been a client with Dog A.I.D. for a minimum of 6 months.

Level 3 Assessment

Level 3 passed and your dog is now a registered Assistance Dog!

The Great British Banquet

By Ann Slide & Tilly

I had the fantastic opportunity, to go to "The Great British Banquet ", with my husband, David, and my Dog A.I.D. Assistance Dog, Tilly (a black Labrador).

I was so excited about it, keeping it all a secret was very hard, as I had been instructed by Optomen productions, to keep it all very "hush hush ".

On the day we were picked up at 12 noon, by a wheelchair accessible taxi, which took us to Jodrell Bank. The banquet was held in a huge marquee, all sides open, so we had plenty of fresh air and wonderful views, of the iconic Lovell telescope.

Social distancing was observed and we shared our table with, Caroline, who also had a black Labrador, trained by "Dogs for Good". On the next table was a Bosnia veteran, with his beautiful German Shepherd/ Golden Retriever cross, Guide Dog.

We were offered glasses of Cornish sparkling wine outside, before being called into the marquee and it was great to have conversations, with other people, after the difficult

months of shielding.

On being called into the marquee, the first thing we saw was a huge ice sculpture of a polar bear, which represented global warming, and dripped away as we feasted.

The starter was a coddled duck egg, served in a ceramic duck egg shell, it looked so real we didn't realise for 15 minutes!

Then a palate cleanser of an Asian broth, with langoustine, cauliflower and wild garlic, the dish was inspired by vaccines, especially important today! I was given an alternative as I am allergic to shellfish.

Then we were served Cullen Skink which was really tasty, it was David's favourite course of the day. This dish was inspired by James Clark Maxwell, who experimented in mixing colour.

The main course celebrated the World Wide Web, a special Delivery of many tasty morsels with delicious sauces.

The dessert was extra special because it celebrated Service Dogs and was inspired by Muriel Crook and Rosalind

Bond who trained the first Guide Dogs.

The dish was named "Give a dog a bone" and it was a delicious chocolate bone with chocolate mousse, miso caramel, chocolate crumb, miso honeycomb, salted caramel ice cream and yuzu.

The Planetary petit four completed our gastronomic experience, a superbly crafted chocolate planet with passionfruit curd.

Tilly was so well behaved and settled beautifully, she took all the filming in her stride, a natural. A credit to Dog A.I.D. and our lovely trainer, Tina, who put in so much hard work, to get us where we are today. The weather was lovely, the sun shone, the food was amazing and it was such a fantastic experience, finally the taxi took us home at 6.30 pm.

It was a day I will remember for a very long time.

Ann Slide & Tilly

Congratulations to our recent level passes

Level 1

- Jazz Turner - Phoebe
- Suzzie Potter -Nala
- Kevin Healey - Milo
- Yvonne Coleclough - Hope
- Hilary Love - Salty
- Hana Chappell - Cleo
- Mark Salter - Jackson
- Beth Albright-Peakall - Basil
- Debbie Miles - Remy
- Isabelle Lewis - Hope
- Nicola Rea - Ava
- Susan Mould - Monty
- Sarah Beirne - Teddy
- Jennie Weatherhead - Oskar
- Asha Sandhu and Stanley
- Ashleigh Hyde and Mia

Level 2

- Danielle Beck - Nuffle
- Ben Moss - Phoebe
- Elizabeth McCall - Nalu
- Abi Thompson - Bracken
- Lillie Abbott - Zeke
- Chantelle Rea Bradley - Star
- Carrie Pollock - Arlo
- Abigail Cappleman - Pepper
- Becca Gemlo Dunstan - Luna
- Lisa Austin - Senna
- Isabelle Lewis - Hope
- Susanne Young-Hotz - Mutz

Level 3

- Rob Moore - Buster
- Abigail Cappleman -Pepper
- Ashlee Ankers - Tia
- Sue Freeman - River
- Dawn Jackson - Skylah
- Catelyn Wright - Maisey





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Friday 30th July 2021

winner announced

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Dog A.I.D. Jackets

What can your dog wear at what level?

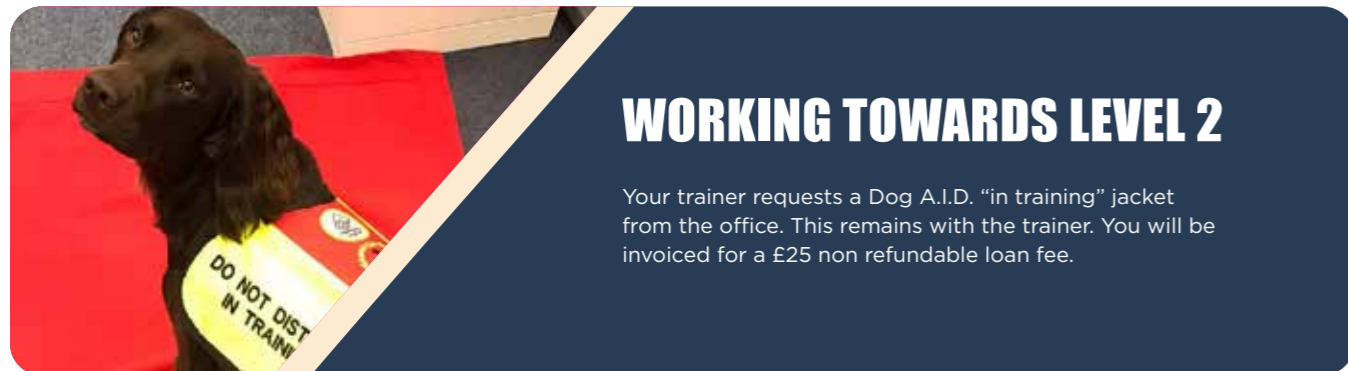
WORKING TOWARDS LEVEL 1

Unbranded "training" harnesses and lead sleeves can be worn. You purchase these yourself. Must not use the word "assistance"



WORKING TOWARDS LEVEL 2

Your trainer requests a Dog A.I.D. "in training" jacket from the office. This remains with the trainer. You will be invoiced for a £25 non refundable loan fee.



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.



DUAL PURPOSE DOGS

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 £25



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.



QUESTIONS?

Still unsure what you can use or when?

Email: admin@dogaid.org.uk

Call: 01743 588469





Help, my dog has gone missing!

This is every dog owner's worst nightmare come true. What would you do? Of course, your first instinct is to go looking for them straight away, shouting their name - but, is this the best thing you can do to find your dog?

This article will outline a few simple steps you can take to help your missing dog find their way back to you. Dogs run off for various reasons: they are frightened by

a loud noise and slip out of their harness; you trip over and drop the lead by accident; they catch the irresistible scent of a dog in season or a squirrel has just caught their eye and they are going to catch it! Whatever the reason, stay calm and stay exactly where you are.

Stay calm and stay where you are...



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If possible, you should not leave the location where your dog has gone missing from, the point of escape, whether this is on a walk or from home. Most dogs stay around for a while and generally circle the area. Most people start searching for their dogs straight away, so when the dog returns to the point it went missing from nobody is there to get them.

Eventually the circles your dog travels get bigger; this is when a 'stakeout' is required. Ask someone to bring you a comfortable chair, food, drink and clothes/blankets depending on the time of year - this is so the owner is able to stay in the area for as long as possible. Statistics show that most dogs come back within the first 24-48 hours. An alternative to sitting outside is sitting in a car, but be mindful that you need to be as close to point of escape as possible.

If your dog escapes from home, keep gates open and offer food. In the best case use a motion triggered camera so you can check who is actually taking the food during the night.

It is important to note that most dogs usually show up again during late evening or during the very early morning hours, for example between 10pm and 1am and again between 4am and 6am.

Be sure not to fill the food bowl with a large amount of food but leave only a small amount, an appetiser. The dog should get more of an appetite and become curious if the bowl will be filled again next time it comes back. If you offer too much food the dog may disappear again for a few days until it becomes hungry again.

It is important that people with a connection to the dog do NOT run around looking for them, especially not the owners. The dog will search for familiar scents in order to find their way back, if lots of familiar scents lead in all different directions this will confuse the dog. Owners should stay wherever they lost their dog - strangers can go searching because the dog won't mind the scent of people that they are not related to it.

Do not call your dog, be patient...

Most dogs - not only the ones from rescue organisations - do not recognise their owner immediately when they show up. So, it is very important that if you see your dog you turn away - DO NOT CALL THEM - make yourself small. BE PATIENT, in case your dog comes a bit closer but again freezes, best to turn and walk in the opposite direction away from the dog. Maybe leave some very high value tasty treats on the way, so the dog may become curious. These actions are also important for anybody who is helping you search.

This is often very difficult for people - but dogs read our body language much more than anything else. EVERYBODY who is stressed and worried about their lost dog will exhibit lots of anxiety and stress in their body language. Also, dogs can smell adrenalin and even our voice changes completely if we are calling them whilst stressed. This combination of an unfamiliar voice, stressed smell and strange body language keeps dogs away. In the worst case they will run away again, in the best case they will recognise you after 10-30 minutes.

We are here to help

Pettrailer UK offers free tailored search advice and guidance for anyone who has lost a pet. We work closely with our Pettrailer colleagues across Europe who have extensive knowledge in animal search and have actively been involved in reunited lost pets with their families for over 30 years.

Our main aim at Pettrailer UK is to train dogs to become Professional Pettrailers, qualified dogs that have been specially trained to search for lost pets by means of trailing. Our dogs follow the scent trail left by missing animals to help locate them as quickly and safely as possible (pettrailing).



Our search dog trailing teams take part in regular training to keep their skills up to date and undergo assessments to ensure we offer the best possible service to those who need us. Contact us for more information.

Can my dog become a Pettrailer?

Yes! Most people start trailing to give their dogs a job to do and provide them with a mentally stimulating challenge



which is fun and motivational for both them and their dog. Pettrailer UK is the only organisation in the UK to provide training based solely on animal search. Our sessions are all inclusive, so any dog can join us whether big or small, young or old, fearful or aggressive, deaf, blind, 2 or 3 legged...it doesn't matter. Our trainers also have the skills to adapt trails dependent on any specific handler requirements to ensure both you and your dog get the most from every single training session.



In addition, we host and run various events throughout the year including: trailing introduction workshops; canine first aid courses at accessible venues; linehandling workshops; annual charity trail day; annual trailing championships and to accompany our established training scheme optional biannual assessments.



Simply join us for some pettrailing and mantrailing fun with the option to take your training to the next level and become a Professional Pettrailing team with your own dog and help reunite lost animals with their owners.

Check out our website for more details: www.pettrailer.co.uk You can also keep up to date by following us @pettraileruk on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. Happy Dogs Trail!

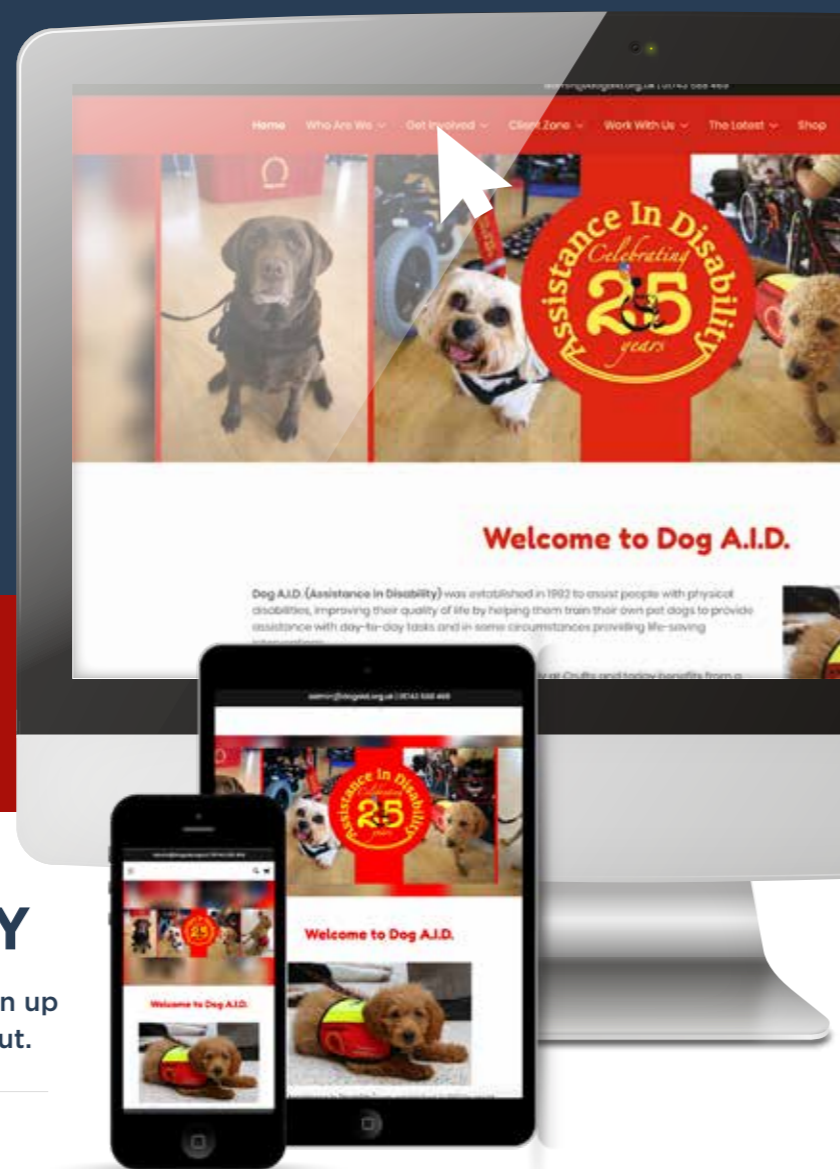
Author's name: Becky Smith, Head Trainer at Pettrailer UK



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Consent form update

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Dog's Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Dog A.I.D. take the protection of your information very seriously. Although we need your contact details, these will be held securely and not made available to anyone outside of Dog A.I.D. We will have to inform your volunteer trainer of your responses as this will be factored into their work with you. All data will be treated in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Overall Permissions:

I give my formal consent for Dog A.I.D. to feature (please tick as appropriate)

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

Please state names of any children under 18 years of age:

In photos or video footage for (please select all options that you are happy to be featured on)

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- Instagram
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- Website

I further understand that this applies to photos / videos I submit with my monthly report and on the Client & Trainer Facebook page. I have been made aware that all data will be treated in compliance with Data Protection Act 2018.

Signed:

Online Work

I understand that when using remote technology for online training that staff and volunteers of Dog A.I.D. may see inside of my property and that this is not for surveillance purposes but to assist in training my dog.

I understand the risk, I undertake by partaking in training online and that ensuring I am working in a safe, clear area free from trips and hazards is my responsibility.

Signed:

We are asking ALL clients for an updated consent form, please use this form to either, tear off, fill in 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

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