



VOLUNTEERING ROLE

BRAVEHOUND Buddy

A BRAVEHOUND Buddy cares initially for the puppy or dog until the appropriate time when the dog will gradually be transitioned to live with a veteran as their assistance dog.

The role includes caring for the welfare of the dog and also helping with training the foundations in preparation for the dog becoming an assistance dog.

BRAVEHOUND will carry out a home visit to ensure that your environment is suitable for this role.

As a BRAVEHOUND Buddy you will attend a workshop which will outline the requirements for an assistance dog and also give you information on the training techniques.

You will need to commit to daily training with the dog of around a total of 30 minutes spread throughout the day and also attend training sessions as required.

As the BRAVEHOUND Dog will be trained as an assistance dog, BRAVEHOUND require you to follow the guidance given in how the dog interacts with people and other dogs.

You will be given all the equipment and food required for their stay with you. All veterinary care requirements as well as public liability insurance will be covered by BRAVEHOUND.

You will be supported at the handover and throughout the stay.

The BRAVEHOUND dog may be with you for up to 6 months before transitioning to the veteran, but in some circumstances, this may be for a shorter period.

The BRAVEHOUND Buddy role is a valued role and is crucial to ensure the success of each BRAVEHOUND as an assistance dog.



Your Commitment - puppy

When a puppy is placed with you, the team will support you with guidance and regular visits and check ins to help and support you with maintaining training. You will also be required to attend regular training classes and at times workshops.

- **Week One (intensive week):** You will need to spend a day with the Bravehound training team and 2 half days as the dog settles in.
- **Week Two:** Two 3-hour training sessions with the training team
- **Week Three to Six:** Two 2-hour training sessions with the training team
- **Week 6 and beyond:** continuation of training on a weekly basis or more frequently as required.

Your Commitment – older dogs

When a dog is placed with you, the team will support you with guidance and regular visits and check ins to help and support you with maintaining training. You will also be required to attend regular training classes and at times workshops.

- **Week One (intensive week):** You will need to spend a half day with the Bravehound training team as the dog settles in.
- **Week Two - Six:** A 2-hour training session per week with the training team.
- **Week 6 and beyond:** continuation of training on a weekly basis or more frequently as required.