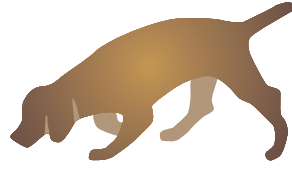


**Medical
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Dogs saving lives

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SPEAKERS

Medical Detection Dogs need to establish a national network of speakers that work to promote awareness of the Charity and to raise funds to support and train our dogs. Speakers create a regional presence. The role is an important one as often this is the first time that people will have heard about the charity, the work we do and the life changing difference our dogs can make.

As well as promoting the Charity speakers also help raise much needed funds and encourage others to help fundraise in various ways for example by leaving a legacy in their will or organising a fundraising/sponsored event on our behalf. This is invaluable as Medical Detection Dogs rely totally on the generosity of individuals and organisations.

What type of groups do speakers address?

Speakers visit groups such as Lions and Rotary Clubs, Women's Institutes and Guilds, Brownies and other similar youth groups, schools, etc.

How will I know what to talk about?

We have produced materials to support anyone speaking on our behalf. We organise 'Speakers Training Days' and offer the chance to visit our training centre at Great Horwood. Where possible, numbers permitting regional training sessions will be organised.

These sessions will give you the chance to meet with other speakers, and staff, receive up to date information, training and tips on addressing audiences and sharing ideas.

How will I keep up to date with relevant information?

A newsletter is sent to all voluntary speakers giving up to date information and stories to help you keep your talk relevant and up to date. You will also receive regular puppy updates and charity newsletters.

How many talks would you expect me to give?

This is entirely up to you! We just ask you to do as many or as few talks as you wish that are convenient to you.

How far would you expect me to travel?

Again this is your choice.

How are talks allocated?

If a request is received at Head Office it is allocated to the nearest speaker who is available at the time of day required. You are welcome to organise your own talks.

FUNDRAISERS

Volunteer your time and become a fundraiser for us.

if you enjoy fundraising and want to make a real difference to the work we do then why not become an active fundraiser for Medical Detection Dogs? You can have fun, build up your CV, meet lots of new friends, learn new skills and contribute directly to a really worthwhile cause

The Charity is funded purely by voluntary contributions, without our fundraisers Medical Detection Dogs can not continue to support people with life threatening health conditions.

We are inviting people from all over the UK to help us fundraise, whether it's collecting at a local supermarket, taking part in a fun run, or organizing an event. It doesn't matter how much time you can give - some events are one-offs and others require a greater commitment, but everyone can get involved.

REGIONAL SUPPORT GROUPS

Fundraising support groups are an essential part of Medical Detection Dogs. They can raise valuable funds and encourage local support as well as inspire others to help us. We are looking to establish a national network of groups.

What do groups do?

Groups raise valuable funds for Medical Detection Dogs. Group members decide on ways to fundraise and organise their own events with support from Head Office or where possible Regional Fundraisers

What is expected of a branch?

Anything you raise is brilliant and valuable to the Charity. The important thing is for each group to decide on an achievable goal and for everyone to enjoy what they are doing. As long as it is legal, have a go!

How many people make a support group?

Fundraising can be hard work and it takes motivated and willing volunteers to set up a local fundraising group. Groups can vary in size and initiators can recruit as many or as few group members as they like, but really the more the better!

Would you like to start a branch.....

Please let us know. Press releases, Regional co-ordinator pack and charity literature can be provided.

COLLECTION BOX CO-ORDINATORS

If you have very little spare time, but would still like to make a BIG difference to the charity, you could leave collection boxes with local businesses, such as vets, petrol stations, chemists, bakeries, newsagents, pubs, hairdressers, garden centres or pet shops.

The role of 'collection box co-ordinator' includes identifying potential box sites, picking up the boxes when they are full, leaving new boxes in their place and then counting and banking the money for Medical Detection Dogs.

LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION

We need people to help distribute Medical Detection Dogs literature and put up posters, locally to you; your place of work, local library, garden centre, school, doctor or dentist surgeries. – as many places as possible. If you are happy to identify suitable locations, arrange permission with the owners and deliver supplies of various leaflets and posters please let us know.

DRIVERS

If you are a car owner with a few hours to spare on an occasional basis we need people to transport puppies, dogs and/or equipment both short and long distances. Dog car crates can be provided.

FUNDING RESEARCHERS

This role involves mostly researching grant making organisations and applying for funds. Computer skills are essential as online work is most effective. These applications usually involve the collection of information about our work and the management and presentation of this material according to the funder's demands. Some experience of this type of work is required for this role.

Working under direct guidance and direction of head office, volunteers can choose their own hours as the work is done at home. Ability to attend Fundraising meetings in Great Horwood on occasions would be helpful.

BROOD BITCH HOLDERS

Medical Detection Dogs would like to start their own breeding programme, This will be a small but vital programme to help ensure that we have a good supply of future puppies which will be trained to become fully working assistance and alert dogs.

Potential puppies and bitches up to the age of two will be selected; they will be a variety of suitable breeds and it is expected that they will have approximately 3 – 4 litters before being retired.

Volunteers are required to care for the dog in their home, with the support and guidance of the charity. They may also need to care for the brood bitch through pregnancy and with her litter of puppies.

PUPPY SOCIALISERS

We need a number of caring foster families in the Aylesbury, North Buckinghamshire, and Milton Keynes areas to look after and socialise puppies and young adult dogs up to 16 months old. We also need some socialisers in areas where we have dog trainers. We provide food and equipment for the puppy and cover all veterinary costs.

No experience is needed but you need to meet the following criteria:

CAN YOU

- Attend regular local puppy classes?
- Be at home most of the day?
- Follow positive dog training methods?
- Regularly visit lots of different environments and use various forms of transport to socialised a puppy?
- Be willing to support charity events?

DO YOU

- Have a secure, dog friendly garden?
- Have the time and stamina to manage an active puppy?
- Have the ability to travel to classes at the centre or local area once a month?

We provide food and equipment for the puppy and cover all veterinary costs whilst the puppy is with you. Support and advice is provided.

FULL TIME FOSTER HOMES

We sometimes require full time foster families to look after one of our Bio-detection dogs. These dogs live in the home environment as a general pet dog but have special qualities that we wish to use. They will need to be transported to our centre 2-3 times a week for periods of time when they are involved in training for particular projects. This is mainly a

long term commitment, but we do need foster homes for shorter periods of time on occasions. In return you will receive the general enjoyment and rewards of looking after a special dog. We provide food and equipment for the puppy and cover all veterinary costs.

If you can provide a loving home environment to one of these dogs and are willing to transport the dog to our centre when required then please contact us.

RECYCLING PROJECT OFFICER

Main Aims: To develop and expand the charity recycling scheme.

- To distribute recycling posters bags and boxes.
- Contact businesses, colleges and universities to see if they will support the charity by advertising/placing our posters/distributing recycling bags
- Liaise with Recycle4charity regarding arranging collections and ordering bags/boxes as required.

DOG CLUB LIAISON OFFICER

Main aims: Implement and update a dog club database.

- Contact dog clubs throughout the England & Wales to request we be considered for Charity of the year.
- Distribute charity literature as required.
- Liaise with charity speakers, regional coordinators, volunteers, approved clients and staff to arrange club visits where possible.
- Help promote any dog club fundraising events as and when required..
- Write thank you letters and articles regarding dog club fundraising activities for charity website and magazine.

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Main Aims: To help research, source and collate information, write and produce articles for 'The Sniff' charity magazine and Puppy Updates.

- Conduct informal interviews via telephone, emails or in person this could include:
 - Clients
 - Potential clients
 - Fundraisers
 - Companies supporting the charity.

DEMO DOGS

Is your dog a people person dog?

There is now an increasing demand for demonstrations and presentations across the UK. We are looking to develop demonstration routines and rather than always use dogs that are actively being trained we would like to recruit handlers and their dogs to help. We would welcome dogs that have reached a good level of obedience work, are calm in a number of different environments and of course don't mind being fussed over!

Demo dogs may go to meet the local brownies or be involved in a larger demonstration with a 100+ people.

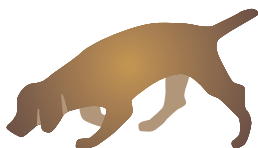
Dogs will be assessed for suitability and the aptitude for learning tasks before being accepted. We will provide support and basic training to help establish a demonstration routine and guidance for the handler on speaking. You may be expected to attend occasional training sessions and further assessments.

FESTIVE FOREST WALKS CO-ORDINATOR/S

We would like to expand and make this a yearly event. To do this we would like to recruit co-ordinators to help support and organise this. Whilst our aim is to make these walks national at present we would need to look at forest/wood venues near to regional groups and/or volunteers who would be willing to help (in conjunction with Volunteer Co-ordinator)

All reasonable volunteer expenses will be reimbursed. and all food and equipment will be provided if you are looking after one of our dogs.

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For further information or to request a volunteer application form please contact:

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