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Welcome to your
monthly newsletter

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Trustees' Week



The UK Trustees week runs from 6-10 November and is the perfect time to understand a trustee's role in the Northumberland Dog Rescue Charity, and to consider if you too would like to become a trustee yourself.

We already have a strong core of a trustee board, but are looking to strengthen and grow to reflect the rapidly increasing growth of the rescue centre and charity, in order to help even more dogs that are desperately in need of rescuing and rehoming in Northumberland.

Over the next couple of pages we'll dispel a few myths about what's needed to become a trustee, and what's involved plus and our current trustees will explain in their own words what being a trustee means to them.

If you're interested in finding out more about becoming a trustee why not pop an email to Lee Fraser at volunteers.ndr@gmail.com with your contact details so we can have a chat.

Myths and Needs

What does a trustee do?

Trustees form the governing body, and are responsible for the management and administration of the charity.

Trustees work together as a team in decision making and have collective responsibility for the charity.

NDR trustees are volunteers and are actively involved in all aspects of the rescue charity, not just sat round a table making decisions!

But don't I have to be "old" or "retired" to be a trustee?

Far from it!

We want a young dynamic trustee board with fresh ideas and new approaches to help us continue to grow the charity and help even more rescue dogs throughout Northumberland.

People under the age of 30 normally have a different skill set when compared to a retiree for example, retail, technology, promotions, networking and communication being prime examples.

If you've got that love of dogs and a dynamic enthusiasm we can help you use your existing skills and develop new skills that will help you in all walks of life and employment.

What qualifications do I need to be a trustee?

None!

Just a love and passion for dogs.

What's in it for me?

Excellent opportunity to add teamwork, decision making and management of an organisation to your CV.

Satisfaction in knowing you're doing things to help the lives of the rescue dogs.

What commitment will I have to give to be a trustee?

As part of the induction process we expect you to volunteer for a shift at the kennels so you experience why the charity exists and what's involved for the staff at the kennels.

We expect trustees to attend a 2-3 hour meeting every 6-8 weeks in person, plus sufficient time to carry out the individual responsibilities, this can range from as little as a couple of hours a week up to as much time as you can spare.

Spotlight on our Trustees

Annie Wallace

I became a kennel volunteer in 2018, took the lead role on volunteer support and recruitment in 2019, began developing a fundraising calendar in 2020, so becoming a trustee was I guess a natural progression.

I want to make a real difference for our dogs and supporting staff and volunteers is the way to do that.

Being a trustee is a huge responsibility and a decision I didn't take lightly, I'm lucky I have a very supportive partner and have managed to rope most of my friends into helping out.

What do I get out of it? Dogs finding the home they were meant to be in mean everything!

Michelle Biddle

I have always been passionate about dogs and have had dogs for most of my life.

Why did I become a trustee? I have been a trustee for just a year now and do it because I really care about all the dogs, who are there as a result of no fault of their own.

The dogs are given the best chance possible to find a forever home and the staff are all really dedicated in achieving that goal.

I am full of admiration for all the work that goes on there. I want to support the charity to the best of my ability and get a lot of satisfaction from doing so.

Spotlight on our Trustees

Lee Fraser

Working full time, I thought I wouldn't be able to "spare the time" to become a trustee when I saw that NDR were looking for one last year, but it seemed to be the best way that I could help the rescue centre that Koda came from.

So a few chats later and hey presto, I became an NDR Charity Trustee!

As part of the fundraising and promotions team I get enormous satisfaction when a plan comes together and we raise even more funds to help improve the lives of the dogs in the rescue centre, and therefore their chances of finding their forever home.

I don't have any "paper" qualifications or special skills, that allows me to sit on the trustee board, just "life skills" when it comes to decision making and a huge enthusiasm for what I believe in, the Rescue, Rehabilitation, and Rehoming of dogs in Northumberland.

David Francis

I attended the charity's first AGM, in March 2017, and offered my help to find some premises for the dog rescue. Somehow, part of the deal was that I was invited to chair the trustee board, which I have done ever since.

In addition, I now undertake much of the charity's admin, including the monthly payroll, HR, banking, liaison with various County Council departments and National Highways.

I also mow the grass at the kennels, which helps to keep me fit!

Trustees Wanted



So there you have it!

It turns out you don't have to be "old" or "retired" to be a trustee!

The charity and rescue kennels have been doing well up to this point, so well in fact that we need help maintaining that growth, with plans for even further growth and expansion, and that is where YOU come in!

We're seeking dynamic younger trustees to join us, people that will bring fresh ideas and an enthusiastic approach to everything Northumberland Dog Rescue does.

Whether your skill set be in retail, media, social media, local council, animal welfare, networking or communications it will be welcomed with open arms, please do contact Lee Fraser on volunteers.ndr@gmail.com so we can have an informal chat and a meet up, and let's see how together we can help the homeless dogs in Northumberland.

Become a #KennelHero

The gift that keeps on giving all year

★ Northumberland Dog Rescue ★

*Make a difference
by becoming a*



and sponsoring a kennel.

*You can follow a dog's
journey with NDR*



YOU!

*..... can make the
difference to YOUR dog*



Rescue Rehabilitate Rehome

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As a thank you you'll receive the following:

- 1/4ly email updates with details of the dog(s) in your sponsored kennel
- Northumberland Dog Rescue website recognition
- Thank You Certificate
- 1 Northumberland Dog Rescue Keyring

The gift that keeps on giving all year

The cost to sponsor a kennel and to follow your dog's progress is £25 per month payable by monthly Standing Order.

If you want to become a #KennelHero please email promotions.ndr@gmail.com for more details



Spotlight on our supporters



The Bamburgh Castle Inn

The Bamburgh Castle Inn overlooking Seahouses Harbour isn't just dog FRIENDLY, it's dog WELCOMING, and as Amelia, the Deputy General manager explains, the staff are dog LOVING.

The hotel residents enjoy complimentary use of the nearby Ocean Club health and leisure complex, with its swimming pool, thermal spas and fitness centre all included.

The bar area is well stocked with local guest real ales in addition to a huge range of lagers, wines, gins and cocktails as well as non alcoholic options, and extremely knowledgeable and friendly bar staff.

The restaurant has a wide variety of menu items from light bites to a full menu including a range of meat, vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free dishes, so there is truly something for everyone.

And the best bit ALL areas are dog WELCOMING!

Website:

<https://www.inncollectiongroup.com/bamburgh-castle-inn/>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/BamburghCastleInn/>

Success Story of the Month



Louis

Louis came into the rescue alongside 4 chihuahuas, where he'd been living his life shut in a bedroom. He was getting on in his years and still very spritely.

After the usual vet checks Louis was rehomed to someone who already had 2 of our dogs.

Sadly after living in an amazing home for nearly a year one of the other dogs attacked him, although the injuries weren't serious it scared his owner in case it happened again and he wasn't so lucky.

Louis came back to the kennels and had a full mot at the vets to make sure it wasn't a medical issue which had made the other dog change towards him, his results came back clear.

Louis was put into foster care as he was finding it stressful at the kennels. A lovely couple approached us who loved to help a golden oldie and they had breed experience. Introductions with their dogs went well and Louis had found his forever home.

Rescue Dog of the Month



Flapjack

Flapjack is around 5 years old and is neutered and fully vaccinated. He was found as a stray in Blyth cemetery.

He is a shih tzu x and they aren't called the lion dog for no reason!

He is very loving and walks alongside other dog without issue.

He is a feisty boy and if you try to stop him doing something he wants to he will let you know.

We have no idea as to if he has lived with another dog. We wouldn't rehome flapjack with resident or visiting children.

Please email northumberlandogrescue@gmail.com with your details if you're interested in giving Flapjack a loving forever home.

Volunteers Wanted



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Artists



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Media

Display helpers

Dog walkers

Bucket shakers

Exhibition helpers

Maintenance



Musicians

Kennel helpers

Event planners

Shop Assistants

Cake bakers



Dog Sitters

Rescue Rehabilitate Rehome

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Ways you can help

Amazon:

The next time you're shopping for your essentials on Amazon, please check out our wish list for our essentials :-)

[Amazon wish list](#)

Volunteering:

Are you able to spare a couple of hours either on a regular basis or even just occasionally on an ad-hoc basis?

Volunteering can take many forms:

- Helping care for our rescues at the centre
- Shaking a collecting bucket at events
 - Helping at our shop in Amble
- Hosting a coffee morning at home

The volunteering options are endless, if you want to help and/or have any other ideas in how you can help us to help the dogs in our care please contact

volunteers.ndr@gmail.com

Donations

Donations are the lifeblood of every charity and allow us to continue our work rehabilitating and re-homing our dogs. Every donation, great or small helps.

[Donate here:](#)

The Firework Spot

Firework Season



This year
please don't buy Fireworks



Why not buy some food
for a rescue dog instead