



Weekend Puppy Raiser Job Description

TITLE: Weekend Puppy Raiser

OBJECTIVE:

Weekend Puppy Raisers take the puppies out of prison on weekends in order to introduce the pups to sights, sounds and experiences that are not available within a prison setting and work on house manners, broader socialization and support and strengthen training.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide love, support, safety, training, socialization and an invaluable in-home experience for an IHDI puppy two weekends per month for 10 to 12 months.
- Will be expected to pick up their pups from the prison on Friday afternoon and return them Monday morning.
- Teach the puppy basic skills and appropriate behavior using IHDI's cues and techniques.
- Promote confidence in the puppy and an eagerness to work through positive reinforcement.
- Follow IHDI's procedures and guidelines.
- Attend (virtual and in-person) puppy classes once a month.
- Provide age-appropriate outings and experiences for socialization.
- Complete and submit puppy reports in a timely manner.
- Have fun with and enjoy your puppy!

IHDI RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Dog food, dog equipment (leash, collar, crate, vest), and preventatives are covered by IHDI.
- All routine veterinary care is covered.
- Support and consistent communication with knowledgeable staff to answer questions, troubleshoot, and problem-solve any areas of concern in person, over the phone, or by email throughout the raising period.
- Monthly puppy classes and group meetings.
- Continuing education opportunities.
- Newsletters with links to informative videos on training techniques.
- Dedicated Puppy Raising Resource portal.
- Monthly training updates when the dog has been accepted into the program and continued on to advanced training.
- Relevant IHDI status updates - medical assessments, placements, career paths, etc.

JOY FILLED BENEFITS:

- Extensive education and training in puppy development, socialization and training.
- Adorable puppy smiles and tail wags!
- Participation in the "Passing of the Leash" ceremony.
- Knowing you are changing the life of an individual who is d/Deaf.