

## The SPPOT Staff Team

SPPOT Staff are recruited and trained in both Health & Social Care and in Dog Training & Behaviour.

We are a highly specialised service, with expert staff able to work with young people and adults of all abilities and professionally assess dogs too.

All staff hold fully enhanced DBS checks and they, our service users and the whole service are protected by robust insurance and risk management strategies.

## The Building

SPPOT DHQ is a modern, bright, warm, safe and accessible one-level building, with fully fenced gardens, close to the town centre with a bus stop out the front and wheelchair accessible dog walking areas directly behind.



## How to Access SPPOT Services for People in Pembrokeshire

- For all referrals and applications, you can contact us directly, or via a professional such a social worker, CPN, or support worker (contact details are below).
- For dog walking and daycare services, please see our separate leaflet, website or contact us using the details below.

From outside Pembrokeshire, please contact the Operations & Development Manager using the details below.



# SPPOT

## A Community Interest Company

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## SUPPORTING PEOPLE & PETS THROUGH OPPORTUNITY AND TRAINING

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### Bringing Together the Needs of People with the Needs of Dogs



## SPPOT's Unique Services

SPPOT is a unique Community Interest Company founded in 2013 with the purpose of enabling people who experience barriers to training and employment, to access high quality, accredited training, volunteering opportunities and supported day placements, in the field of dog care, training and walking.

SPPOT is an inclusive multi-generational service, providing work based training for young people at risk of becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training), individualised social care services for adults who have learning and physical disabilities and progressive, supported volunteering opportunities for people with mental ill health.

In turn, we provide elderly and disabled dog owners with high quality community dog walking service and a bespoke dog daycare service with in-built dog training service.

## Opportunities for People in Dog Walking and Dog Daycare

Every person who comes to SPPOT has different support needs, but everyone learns how to care for dogs properly and ethically, in ways that suit them.

SPPOT's founder and manager, drew on ten years' professional experience in social care and ten years as a qualified dog trainer, to develop the accredited training programme over six QCFW levels from Entry Level 1 through to Level 3. All staff and volunteers complete core units in "The Care & Welfare of Dogs & Puppies", "Training Dogs" and "Vocational Dog Walking". A range of training can be completed after core training with new units added regularly.

Training with SPPOT is fun and fully inclusive, with no requirement to read or write or to speak out loud to a group. Training can be delivered in a standard, 'start and finish' style for those who want to get out walking dogs in the community as soon as possible or embedded into daily life at SPPOT, taking as long as needed.

Once trained, all participants join the wider SPPOT Volunteer Team, (with support staff or independently) walking dogs for community based customers and providing dog daycare within our Accredited Training Service.

Our services for dogs are for anyone, but with particular emphasis and concessionary rates for elderly and disabled dog owners. This enables dogs to stay with their owners when they can no longer walk them, themselves, reducing the loneliness that leads to depression and associated physical illness. The income from our services for dogs enables us to fund people to train as volunteers who are unable to access support elsewhere.

**Plans for 2020 include a grooming salon, to train our volunteers in ground breaking force-free grooming skills**

## Human-Animal-Interaction (HAI)- the benefits of dogs to people - why SPPOT works!

For people who enjoy the company of dogs, some of the benefits of becoming a part of the SPPOT Team include:

- A clear purpose and worthwhile role in the community
- Developing empathy, care skills, responsibility, resilience, creative thinking, social skills and communication
- Dog walking provides fresh air, exercise, motivation, improves physical and mental wellbeing, community engagement—and fun!

Importantly, many skills for life can be taught through the medium of dogs - for example:

- Teamwork and self-reliance
- Customer service skills
- Bus skills and skills for navigation on foot
- Laundry, budgeting, cooking, cleaning



**Human-Animal-Interaction - the science behind the smiles**

