ElderDog Canada is a national, community-based, charitable organization dedicated to supporting ageing seniors and their dogs. It is governed by a Board of Directors and is run exclusively by volunteers. Incorporated in 2009 and registered as a charitable organization in 2016, Elderdog is a nonprofit society that relies totally on donations and fundraising (primarily the annual calendar and the online store). There are no fees for the many services they offer.

ElderDog was founded by Dr. Ardra Cole in Nova Scotia who was passionate about finding a way to keep older people and their dog(s) together as long as possible, cognizant of the integral bond between seniors and their canine companion.

While there are PAWDS (volunteer teams organized by a team leader and executive in most provinces) British Columbia has by far the most PAWDS. There are 18 in total. Where I volunteer in the South Surrey PAWD (Surrey, White Rock, Langley), we have over 160 enthusiastic volunteers. Many of our volunteers walk dogs for seniors who cannot walk their dog due to illness, disability or temporary hospitalization. ElderDog will also provide the important service of driving dogs to the groomer or vet and even occasionally pick up dog food from a store.

For dogs who have lost their human companion due to a change of residence, long term illness or death, ElderDog finds a suitable foster placement until an approved adoption home can be found. ElderDog's Long term and Perpetuity Care Program provides the owner with much needed peace of mind, guaranteeing the dog a loving, forever home to live out their lives with respect and dignity.

ElderDog is always in need of walkers in existing PAWDS and is eager to support anyone who would like to start a new PAWD. We are always looking for excellent fosters and adoptive homes. Contact ElderDog Canada – Help keep love in the home for more information. Donations of any size are gratefully accepted.



Know someone that needs our help?
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