

Yes, I want to sponsor a Dog Guide to make a difference in the life of someone with a disability!

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**Program:**

- Special Skills \$10,000
- Canine Vision \$6,000
- Hearing Ear \$4,000

**Preferences:**

Area client to be from \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Full sponsorship enclosed
- Partial donation enclosed (Sponsorship will not be assigned until full payment is received)
- Cheque     Visa     MasterCard

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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Does your company have a matching gift program for employee contributions?

- Yes     No

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# Dog Guide Sponsorship Program



You can help change someone's life forever.





**A**t just 8 weeks old, this bundle of joy is just like any other puppy... playful and full of life. However she will soon become a very responsible dog with an important role in life. By sponsoring a puppy, you will help it learn all it needs to be a successful Dog Guide.

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, a national non-profit organization, provides Dog Guides, free of charge, to people seeking the independence, mobility and freedom that a Dog Guide provides.

Dog Guides are trained not only to help people who are blind or visually impaired, but also people who are deaf or hard of hearing, or have a physical or medical disability which restricts their mobility and safety.

Sponsoring a Dog Guide will cover a portion of the approximately \$25,000.00 that it costs to raise and train a puppy and ultimately match the Dog Guide with its handler. The entire process takes up to two years and your sponsorship helps provide not only the puppy's complete training and veterinary care, but also transportation and room and board for the client while in residence, as well as follow-up services during the life of the team. Your support will help the Dog Guide team be partners for as long as 10 years.

**You can help make a difference in someone's life by sponsoring a Dog Guide.**



**What is a Dog Guide sponsorship?**

A sponsorship covers part of the \$25,000 cost of training a Dog Guide.

Your sponsorship can be directed to the program of your choice:

- Canine Vision Canada . . . . . \$ 6,000
- Hearing Ear Dogs of Canada . . . . . \$ 4,000
- Special Skills Dogs of Canada . . . . . \$10,000

Partial payments towards a sponsorship are also accepted.

**Where do puppies come from?**

Most of the puppies for the program come from the Foundation's own breeding facility in Breslau, Ontario where they are bred to ensure sound temperament and excellent health. Generous breeders often donate puppies as well.

**What breeds do you use?**

Most of the puppies are Labrador Retrievers. However, there are also Poodles, Border Terriers and some mixed breeds.

**What is the process of training a puppy?**

Puppies are placed in foster homes at about 8 weeks of age where they are socialized, taught basic obedience, and are exposed to many experiences that they are likely to encounter as working dogs.

The puppies are returned to the Foundation for formal Dog Guide training at about one year of age, having passed rigid assessments and medical qualifications. This training will take 6 to 8 months leading to a long career as a Dog Guide.

**Who receives a Dog Guide?**

Qualified applicants are accepted to the program after completing a full application, including referrals and a personal assessment. Approved individuals are then scheduled for their training session in Oakville where they live for up to four weeks, and are matched with their Dog Guide.

**Can we choose who receives our sponsored Dog Guide?**

If you wish, you can specify your sponsorship be for someone from your region or province. However, there is no guarantee when this will occur since it is most important that each Dog Guide is matched with the most well suited person, to ensure a long and safe life together.

**What happens after the Dog Guide is assigned to someone?**

Sponsors are invited to attend a graduation ceremony at the end of the training session where they can meet their sponsored team. Sponsors are recognized and provided with a photograph of the graduating team and a plaque to recognize their generous donation.

**What happens if the dog does not become a Dog Guide?**

Only the best dogs are selected to be trained as Dog Guides. If the training staff do not feel the dog is suitable to be a Dog Guide, it may become another type of working dog, or most often becomes a beloved family pet.

**Is my contribution tax-deductible?**

Yes, for the full amount.