



Don't Miss Your Chance to win over \$9,000

The Ontario Fall Online 50/50 raffle is coming to an end on November 10th. Thanks to everyone who has participated, we have raised \$18,180 so far. Half the money will go to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, while the other half will go to one lucky winner!

Your last day to buy tickets is on November 10th. The lucky winner will then be announced the following day at 10 am.

Visit www.lfcdogguides5050.ca to purchase tickets. Don't miss your chance!

Please note 50/50 Raffle tickets can only be purchased by current Ontario residents over 18 years of age. Senior LFCDG staff, Board members and members of both these parties' households are not eligible to participate in the draw.

* Lottery License number: RAF1232261



Kennel Job Openings at Dog Guides

We're looking for some pawfessionals to join our Kennel teams in Oakville and Breslau! Working in Kennel is a fun and rewarding job. All our Dog Guides in training need care and attention, and that's where you come in.

If you want to do meaningful work and go home at the end of the day knowing you've made a difference, there are few places as fulfilling as Dog Guides! Visit [Interested in a Career with Us?](#) - Lions Foundation Dog Guides to view our open positions and our TikTok page @dogguidescanada ([Dog Guides Canada \(@dogguidescanada\) TikTok | Watch Dog Guides Canada's Newest TikTok Videos](#)) to see what the job is all about!

Submit a Dog Name when you Give on Tuesday, November 29

Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. The idea caught on and has grown around the world, inspiring millions of people to give, collaborate and celebrate generosity. Giving Tuesday reminds us to give back during the beginning of the holiday shopping season.

This year, Giving Tuesday takes place on Tuesday, November 29th. You can help us unleash potential by donating on November 29th as we strive to reach our fundraising goal of \$105,000 which provides three Canadians with the life-changing gift of a Dog Guide. We are thrilled to announce that a matching donation from Frank Apa Lexus of Oakville will enable your donation to be doubled. Everyone who makes a donation over \$20 on Giving Tuesday will also have the opportunity to submit a name suggestion for a future Dog Guide.



Oakville-Area Sitters Needed

At LFCDG, Dog Guides stay in our kennels during their training. While most of the dogs enjoy having other roommates, others may need some extra space. Some dogs exhibit signs of stress in the kennel environment, which can interfere with their training. Dog Guide Zoomer was experiencing this problem before he was paired up with his day sitters. Now he has graduated in our Facility Support Dog program and has been matched with Raven's Nest Children & Youth Advocacy Program in B.C.

"We are so thrilled that we had the company of such a lovely dog and had the opportunity to help Zoomer on his way to becoming a service dog" says Linda, Zoomer's sitter.

Currently, we are in need of day sitters for several Autism Assistance Dog Guides in training. Volunteers need to live close to the Oakville office. They bring the dog back and forth to our training facility Monday-Friday during the day, and provide housing for the dog in the evenings and each weekend, including statutory holidays.

"We enjoyed our weekday walks to school for both drop off and pick up," says Linda. "I guess since we live so close it's super easy and doesn't impact our schedule too much. I work from home and my husband is retired, so I would say that this program is perfect for someone who is active and retired as you have your day's free but have dog love on the weekends and evenings!"

Thanks to his sitters Linda and Bill, Zoomer was given the chance to unleash his full potential, and now he will be helping so many children as a Facility Support Dog. By becoming a sitter, you can help Dog Guides in training like Zoomer succeed and unleash their potential. Visit our website to apply Specialty Sitter Volunteer Program - Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides or contact us if you have any questions.

Bilingual Volunteer Needed

Parlez-vous français? This is a unique opportunity for a bilingual volunteer to support our team! We receive a small number of French voicemail messages every week. We're looking for someone who could check the phone voicemail box every day, translate any messages and then forward them to the appropriate person (estimated: about 2 hours per week). Si vous êtes intéressé, SVP contacter: hr@dogguides.com. Training will be provided.

Meet the Client Services team at Dog Guides!

Over the past few months there have been some exciting changes to our Client Services team, including the creation of new roles to provide the best client experience we can! We would like to introduce ourselves so you can put a face to the name or voice you are contacting.

Gina is our Director of Programs and Client Services and you will often hear her say she has the best job in the world! Devon, Manager of Client Services, joined the organization in April of this year and is enjoying every minute of working in this new role. Most importantly, our Client Service Representatives Breana, Edith, Jen and Steph are the warm and friendly voices with whom you will most often be in touch. Together, we have almost 20 years combined experience working at Dog Guides!

The team supports each and every client through the entire journey, from the application process, to attending class, after graduation, and right until retirement. We also support those interested in simply finding out more about our programs. We are always happy to help out and answer questions, so if you need to reach us, you can email client-services@dogguides.com. We look forward to connecting with you!



In the back row on the left is Breana Van Dyk and to her right is Devon Evershed. In the front row on the left is Jen Close, to her right is Edith Zambrano with her Canine Vision Dog Guide Meadow and to their right is Gina Lijoi. Not pictured is Steph Brant, who is currently on Maternity Leave and will be rejoining the team in 2023.

Class is in session!

We have been very busy at Dog Guides. For the past three weeks we have been training with Hearing, Autism Assistance, Facility Support, Seizure Response and Diabetic Alert classes. Here is a photo of a class outing and our soon to be graduates!



Chris and Timber go to the Dentist

Trips to the dentist can make anyone feel anxious, but luckily Chris had Autism Assistance Timber by his side. Before his dental procedure, Timber sat at his feet with his chin in Chris' lap, keeping him calm during pre-op. Once Chris got in bed, Timber hopped up and laid on him giving 'hugs' until it was time to go the OR. The moment Chris returned from the procedure he resumed his place on the bed. It was about an hour and a half before Chris got out of bed, but Timber stayed with Chris the entire time.

"Timber never made a sound and was the perfect gentleman while we were in the hospital," says Kelly, Chris' mom. "I had countless staff and other parents comment on what a good dog he was. Chris is loving all the snuggles."



Crew by Desi Giving Back in Stylish Ways

You may have seen our foster pups out and about looking cute in their green jackets and personalized collars and bandanas. Thanks to foster Karen Kirkpatrick, our future Dog Guides always look great! And the best part? A portion of the proceeds raised from her store Crew By Desi ([Home | Crew by Desi \(weeblysite.com\)](#)) go back to support Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Her biggest inspiration for starting the store was her first LFCDG foster puppy Desi (now career changed). Desi now enjoys her time helping Karen with the store full-time, along with her current foster pup Yuki.

"The foster community is an amazing group to be a part of, it's so incredibly rewarding to give back and see the difference Dog Guides make in their clients' lives," says Karen.

Follow her store @crewbydesi on Instagram and website ([Home | Crew by Desi \(weeblysite.com\)](#)) to see all her products. There are lots of new styles ready for order for the holidays! Message her on Instagram or email her at crewbydesi@gmail.com for a sneak peak.



Pawtners in Success: 100 Women Who Care Oakville

It takes a village and we are grateful that the 100 Women Who Care Oakville are part of LFCDG's village. Bringing Oakville's caring, philanthropic women together, each member commits to donating \$100 per meeting. Three randomly selected charities are then presented, all nominated by members. Danielle Rosenblum gave a presentation in September and we are thrilled to announce LFCDG was selected as the charity of choice – for the second time!

Catherine Smith, the Treasurer, visited LFCDG to present the cheque and had this to say *"Danielle gave a wonderful presentation to our members . The people in Oakville are very proud of the fact that these wonderful dogs are trained in and around Oakville. Our members are very happy to know we helped someone by supporting Dog Guides."*



Pictured left to right: Allison Ashworth, Canine Vision Instructor with Dog Guide in Training Kobe, Danielle Rosenblum, Community Partnerships Manager, Marilyn DeFazio, Director of Resource Development, Kelly Russell, Direct Marketing Manager, Rhonda Workman, Head Trainer for Hearing and Service, with Dog Guide in Training Gervais, Alissa Silvester, Instructor for Autism Assistance with Dog Guide in Training Eddie

Litter Updates

We are pleased to announce the arrival of 20 new LFCDG puppies!

- J litter: Hattie and Avro – 6 puppies on September 27, 2022.
- K litter: Neesha and Goose - 9 puppies on October 12, 2022.
- L litter: Foxy and Kody - 5 puppies on October 19, 2022.

Welcome to the Dog Guide world little ones!

