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## The Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides is back!

Will you be joining Buddy for this year's **Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides**? In 2022, we all came together and raised over \$1 million for the walk, and this year Buddy is confident we can surpass that total. The national walk date is set for **Sunday, May 28th, 2023**, but some locations host on alternate dates so be sure to visit [www.walkfordogguides.com](http://www.walkfordogguides.com) to find out the details for a location near you and to register. Don't have a walk location near you? No problem – you can join our National Virtual Team by selecting that location when you register. More exciting details to come. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea at [walk@dogguides.com](mailto:walk@dogguides.com) or 1-800-768-3030 Ext 217



## Share the Love Online Auction Results

A BIG Thank You to all of the donors of our Share the Love Online Auction. We had some wonderful items to bid on!

With your generosity we have raised \$13,267 to support our mission of empowering Canadians living with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence, by providing a Dog Guide at no cost and supporting them in their journey together.

### THANK YOU!

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[ago.ca](http://ago.ca)

Anne Hudson

Bark Busters Canada

[barkbusters.ca](http://barkbusters.ca)

Bird Kingdom

[birdkingdom.ca](http://birdkingdom.ca)

Brian Turnock

Christine Tartaglia

Deerhurst Resort

[deerhurstresort.com](http://deerhurstresort.com)

Dolly and Steven Murray

Drayton Entertainment

[draytonentertainment.com](http://draytonentertainment.com)

Dryden Trillium Lions Club

Everist Prokofiev

[artbyprokofiev.com](http://artbyprokofiev.com)

Fergus Scottish Festival

[fergusscottishfestival.com](http://fergusscottishfestival.com)

George Hatch

Hockey Hall of Fame

[hhof.com](http://hhof.com)

Karen Feikema

Karen Kirkpatrick – Crew by Desi

<https://crewbydesi.weeblysite.com/>

Linda Baltzer

Martie Whitaker

McDonalds

[mcdonalds.com](http://mcdonalds.com)

Mimi Shulman

Mosborough Busy Busy Lions

[www.mbbbc.org](http://www.mbbbc.org)

North Movement Studio

[northmovementstudio.ca](http://northmovementstudio.ca)

One Health Clubs

[onehealthclubs.com](http://onehealthclubs.com)

Plexman Photography

[plexman.com](http://plexman.com)

RBC Canadian Open

[rbccanadianopen.com](http://rbccanadianopen.com)

Service Inspired Restaurants

[sircorp.com](http://sircorp.com)

She's Got Leggz with Nicola

<https://nicola.shesgotleggz.ca>



# Dog Guides and Assistance Dog Teams in the Workplace

Last month, Hearing Dog Guide team Angele Charlebois and Mylo did a very important presentation on Assistance Dogs in the workplace for the Government of Canada. Angele has been an advocate for people with disabilities for many years and works as an accessibility professional for the government.

According to the Accessible Canada Act, workplaces need to remove any barriers to accessibility that prevents people with disabilities from fully participating in society.

In her presentation, Angele talked about the importance of public access for Assistance Dogs, current laws, and how to accommodate an Assistance Dog team in a work environment. Thank you for educating your colleagues about best practices and service dog etiquette.

To learn more about accessibility rights in Canada visit [Public Access Laws Canada - Assistance Dogs International](https://www.dogguides.com/public-access-laws-canada-assistance-dogs-international).



## National Puppy Day is March 23rd

On March 23rd, we are celebrating the journey of a future Dog Guide. Get ready to spoil your foster puppies with lots of love and praise for National Puppy Day. One day, they are going to grow up to change someone's life forever.

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide puppies are brought into the world with a bigger purpose in mind. Their journeys start right from birth to when they are placed with a Canadian applicant living with a disability. When they grow up, they are enrolled in Dog Guides University where they learn more specialized skills in one of our seven programs. Finally, after months of hard work they are matched with their new handler and will help them lead safe and independent lives.

A puppy's journey starts at the LFCDG puppy nursery in Breslau, ON, where they spend the first 7 weeks of their life with their mom and litter mates. Once they are old enough, they are then sent to live with a foster family in a loving home. For approximately a year, they work on basic training, obedience and socialization with their foster. Afterwards, they go on to Dog Guides University where they will complete formal training in one of our seven programs and go on to meet their new handler.

So many people are involved in the Dog Guide's journey and we are thankful to every one of them. If you would like to donate to our puppy program and help a future Dog Guide on their way to changing someone's life, please visit [Make an Online Donation - Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides](#).

Watch a Dog Guide's Journey on our YouTube channel: [Dog Guide Journey - YouTube](#)





# Dog Guide Clients and Wayfinding Technology Survey

The Toronto University Health Network (UHN) Kite Research Institute is inviting Dog Guide Clients to participate in an online study on Wayfinding. Wayfinding refers to the information systems put in place to help someone get from Point A to Point B. There are a variety of tools and technologies available that guide people through physical environments, like interactive maps, symbols and even different design choices like the use of colours. The purpose of the survey is to find out your experiences with Wayfinding and the common tools that used.

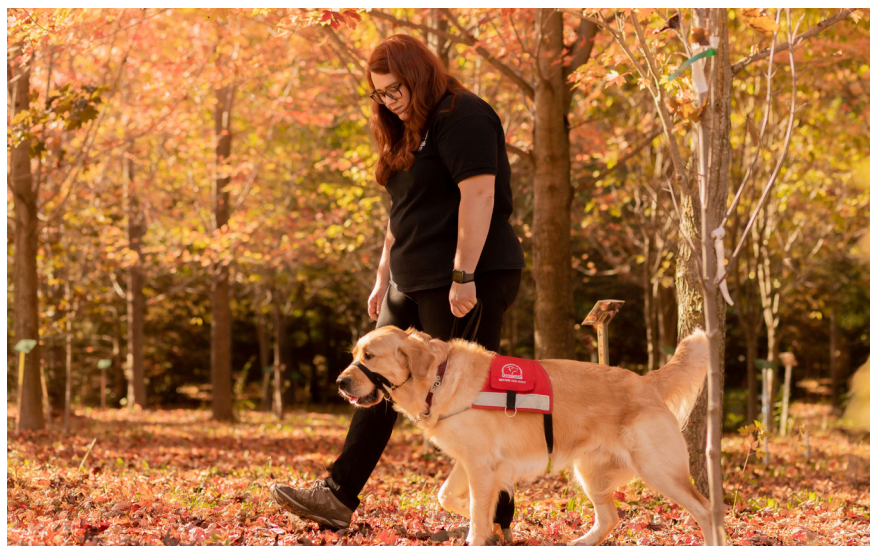
In order to take part in the study, participants must meet the following criteria:

- At least 18 years old
- Live in Canada
- Identify as having lived experience with disability or health condition(s) that affects your experiences with wayfinding and/or use a support person (such as an intervener, interpreter, or sighted guide) for wayfinding.

The survey includes approximately 49 questions and the time needed to complete the survey will vary, but it is estimated that the survey will take between 15 minutes to 30 minutes to complete.

Participants can complete the survey online, using paper forms sent by mail, through a telephone interview, or through a video call. If you have any questions or would prefer to participate in the survey offline, please contact Alison Novak at [Alison.novak@uhn.ca](mailto:Alison.novak@uhn.ca) or 416-597-3422 ext. 7878.

Participants will be given a \$50 honorarium for completing the survey.



## Hearing Instructor Angela Bentivenga Celebrates 1 Year as ADI Assessor

Last year, hearing program instructor Angela Bentivenga was accepted to be an “assessor” for Assistance Dogs International (ADI). “Assessors” help maintain the high standards of care and service in our industry play a key part in accrediting Assistance Dog Organizations. Angela ensures that service dog programs are complying with ADI standards and helps review a variety of information, including procedures, policies and also visits schools in person to get an overview of their programs. She then shares her findings with the accrediting committee for ADI.



*“This last year has been a fun and interesting opportunity,” says Angela. “It is always fun to meet fellow colleagues within the Dog Guide and Service Dog industry. I appreciate LFC’s support allowing me to participate in the ADI accreditation process and look forward to contributing to shared goals within our industry.”*

## New Beginnings for Head Instructor Laura Allen in the Seizure Response Program

Congratulations to Laura Allen for becoming our new Head Instructor of our Diabetic Alert and Seizure Response Dog Guide programs. Laura first started working in Dog Care and Welfare before moving to the Service program to complete her apprenticeship. In 2017 she switched over to the Seizure Response program and now has successfully moved into her new role.

*“It is so rewarding to see a new partnership develop as both the dog and the client learn how to work with each,” says Laura. “I look forward to continuing working alongside our amazing teams as the organization goes through exciting growth and development.”*



## Litter Updates

We are pleased to announce the arrival of 6 new LFCDG puppies!

Quint and Raiden are the proud parents of the S Litter: Quinta and Raiden

**Welcome to the Dog Guide world little ones!**

