



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA
DOG GUIDES
La Fondation des Lions du Canada
CHIENS-GUIDES



Social Media & Confidentiality

Foster Families Roles

1. Raise future Dog Guides
2. **Create awareness – ambassadors of LFCDG**
3. Assist with dog-sitting/care for Dog Guides in training
4. Volunteer
5. Donate (time and \$)



LFCDG Ambassadors

Human next to puppy in green vest
= representative of LFCDG

LFCDG ambassadors help to create awareness about:

- the organization
- its programs
- fundraising campaigns



LFCDG Ambassadors' on Social Media

Social media is a great tool to create awareness about LFCDG, keep in touch with people, socialize (especially during COVID times), provides support, have fun, etc. However, it is not appropriate on certain occasions, such as...



LFCDG Ambassadors' on Social Media

- Dog's medical issues/concerns
 - Urgent and non urgent - Any medical concern needs to be addressed by a LFCDG staff (vet/puppy staff). If urgent, include "Urgent" in subject line of email
- Training advice/issues/concerns
- Keep things positive
 - **Clients are on social media, clients who could potentially receive foster puppy being discussed on a post. This can negatively impact the relationship/bond of team**
 - If foster dog needs assistance, best resource is staff
 - Airing out grievances on social media will not have a positive result.
If there's an issue, please reach out to staff

Facebook Dog Guide Foster Pups Group

- Not run by LFCDG
- Does not speak for LFCDG
- Dog Guides staff monitors social media, however, we encourage fosters to contact staff if you have any feedback you'd like to share. We appreciate your point of views and take them into consideration. Ultimately, decisions are made after consulting with staff



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@LFCDogGuides



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Confidentiality Agreement

As stated in the Puppy Manual:

- Foster Families are not permitted to disclose information belonging to LFCDG. Confidential information includes (and not limited to) data and stats relating to breeding, training and foster puppy programs, foster puppy's behaviour or health or information on foster families, staff members, volunteers and grads without permission

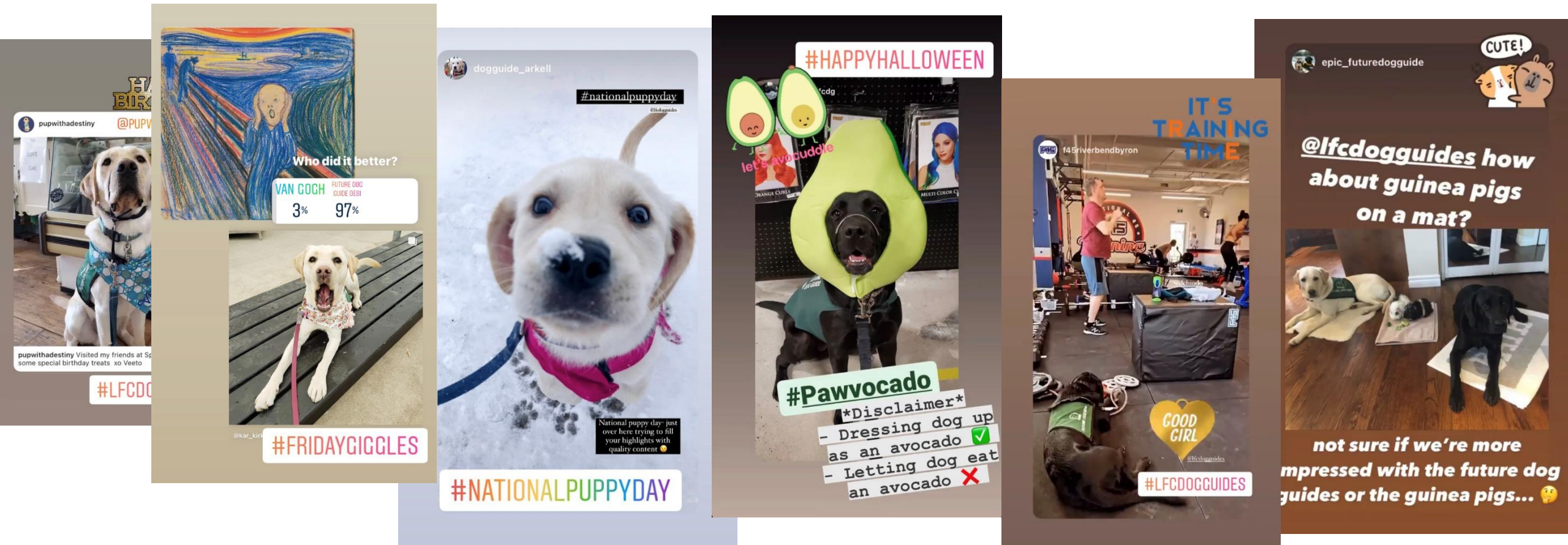


One of the core values at LCDG is respect.

We treat others as they wish to be treated and in return, we expect the same. We value foster families' contributions and feedback, however when decisions are made, foster families must respect them.

Our mission continues to focus on empower Canadians with disabilities and foster families are vital to our mission's success.

Social Media for Social Good...





The Journey from Puppy to Client to Career Change

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Puppy

- Born at Dog Guides facility or home whelped
- Placed by the Puppy Team with a foster family





Adolescent

- Raised by a dedicated foster family
- Learn all basic skills needed for success
 - Obedience
 - Public access
 - Socialization

Recall to Formal Training

- From 12-24 months of age
- Recalled into one of seven programs
- To our Breslau or Oakville location



Formal Training Programs

- AAD Autism Assistance Dog Guide
- CVC Canine Vision Dog Guide
- DAD Diabetic Alert Dog Guide
- FSD Facility Support Dog
- HD Hearing Dog Guide
- SD Service Dog Guide
- SRD Seizure Response Dog Guide



Formal Training

- Affectionately known as DGU
 - Dog Guides University
- Receive formal training in one of our seven programs
- May change programs throughout training based on aptitudes



Graduation

- The mission and goal for all dogs
- Complete training and are matched with the client for individualized training
- Formally graduate and start their life as a working team



Career Change Program

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Dogs that are unable to continue training with Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides due to medical or behavioural reasons

Dogs that are retired, where the client or the client's immediate community cannot adopt

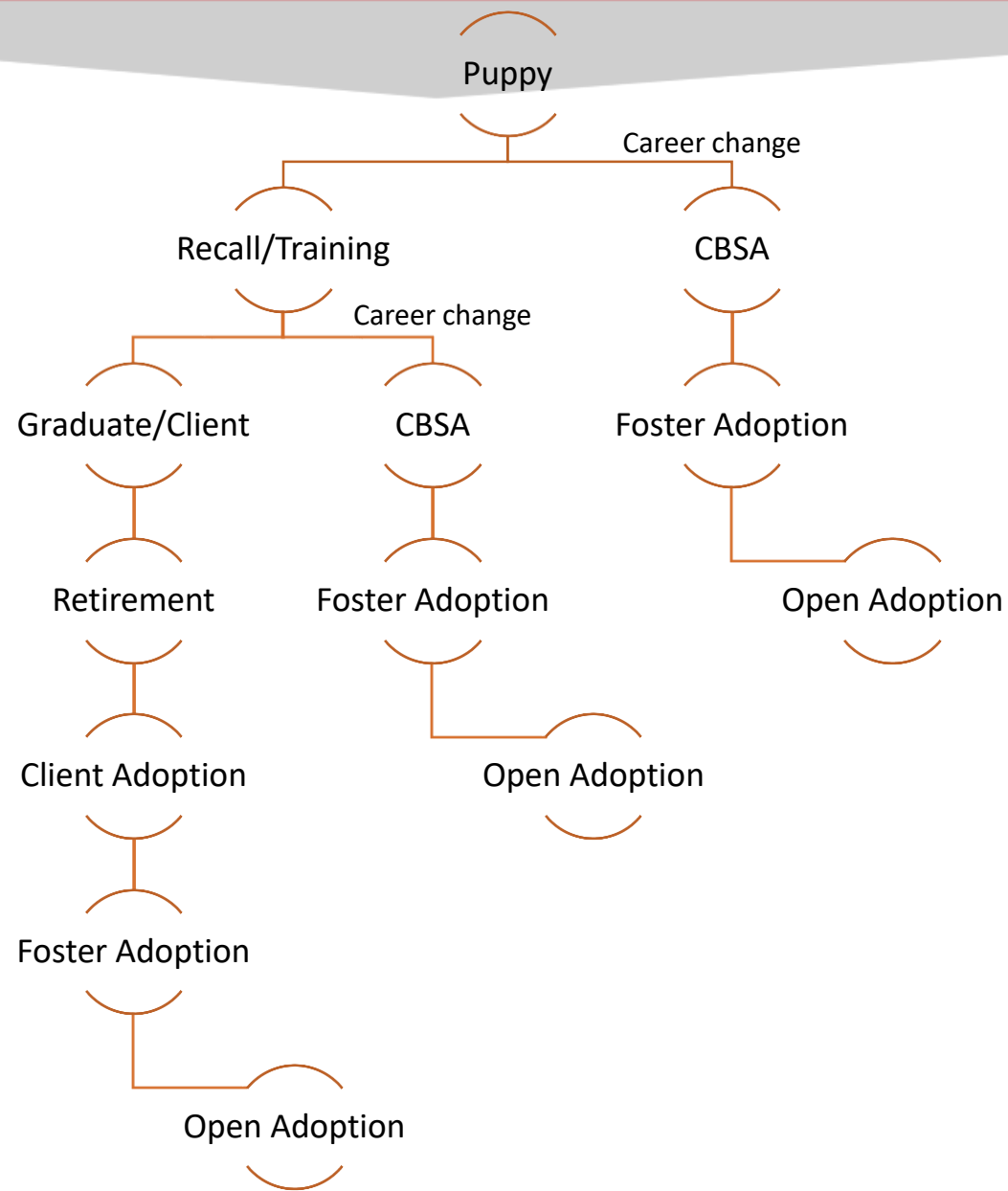
Career Change Program

- Due to the impacts of COVID-19 it is taking longer to recall dogs into formal training
- Dogs will not be career changed due to age
- If they are suitable they will be trained and graduate with a client

Career Change Program Policy

Unfortunately, not every foster puppy has the traits necessary to graduate as a Dog Guide. Dogs can be released from the training program for medical or behavioural reasons, and this can occur at any point during the foster puppy program or formal training.

Career changed dogs might find other careers (for example, working as detection dogs for Canada Border Services Agency) or may be placed as pets. The decision to career change a dog, the adoption fee, and placement in an adoptive home are at the discretion of Dog Guides Canada.



Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

- Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has a long standing partnership with CBSA
- Train dogs to serve and protect Canada through scent detection programs:
 - Agriculture
 - Currency
 - Drugs
 - Firearms



Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)

- Training with CBSA is play reward based
- Detection is a game for dogs that show an aptitude for the scent search
- Successful dogs graduate, living and working with the CBSA handler
 - Anywhere across Canada



Adoption Criteria

Thorough care and consideration is placed in assessing and determining the best long-term fit for the career changed dog

- Age
- Health
- Behaviour
- Personality
- Interests
- Family dynamics
- Lifestyle, etc.



Foster Family Adoption

- The foster family will be notified should the dog enter the career change program
- If the dog is appropriate to be assessed by CBSA, they will be
- When suitable, the dog would then be offered to the foster family for adoption



Adoption Waitlist

- Like our other formal program lists, it can be either:
 - Open Accepting applications
 - Closed Not accepting applications
- Any party, outside of the foster family, interested in adopting a career change dog may submit a formal application when the program is accepting applicants



Open Adoption

- Dogs that enter into open adoption are featured in an adoption newsletter
- The newsletter goes out to parties on the waitlist when dogs are available for open adoption
- Parties that receive the newsletter, may make a statement of interest to have their application reviewed and considered for a particular dog



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For updates please visit our website:

<https://dogguides.com/careerchange.html>