

# **LFCDG Happenings**

### **Get ready for Giving Tuesday!**

This Giving Tuesday we're celebrating the incredible impact of your support and the journeys you help make possible for Dog Guides. Every person in our community plays a vital role in bringing the Dog Guide journey to life, from the first steps of training to the moment of matching and beyond.



Something special is unlocking this December 2. Keep an eye on our social media and your inboxes!

## **Happy Howl-idays!**

As the year comes to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for being part of our Dog Guides community. Your support has helped make this year truly special, filled with meaningful connections, wagging tails, and countless moments of joy.



Holiday Office Closure:

Our office will be closed from **noon on December 24 to January 2.** 

From all of us at Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, happy holidays!





### **Graduate Corner**

We were proud to celebrate our newest graduate teams on September 29, October 23, and November 18. If you missed the ceremonies, you can catch up anytime on our YouTube channel.

Life beyond graduation is where new possibilities truly begin for Dog Guide teams. This month, as we recognize Diabetes Awareness Month, we're sharing how our Diabetes Alert Dog Guides help create those possibilities every day.

Meet Melissa and her Diabetes Alert Dog Guide, Peppa, who were matched this past January. Melissa says their ten months together have already been life-changing.

#### **Melissa shares:**

"Before receiving Peppa, I didn't know much about Diabetes Alert Dogs or how life-changing they can be for someone with hypoglycemic unawareness. Having Peppa by my side gives me an incredible

sense of safety and peace of mind. She always knows how to help, fetching my diabetic kit or juice, alerting my husband or coworkers if I need assistance, and staying by my side if I were ever unconscious.

Peppa is often more accurate than my Dexcom sensor. One night, both my insulin pump and Dexcom showed my blood sugar at 5.0, but Peppa insisted something was wrong. A finger prick revealed it was actually 3.9, a dangerously low level I could have slept through.

She is one of the smartest and most loving companions I could ask for. I am endlessly grateful for the confidence and safety she gives me every day. Thank you to the trainers and everyone at the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. You have truly changed my life."







## **Pawtner Spotlight**

### **MAX Volunteers Make an Impact!**

On September 26, we were thrilled to welcome a group of 15 corporate volunteers from IMAX for their annual Impact Day.

Their afternoon began with a tour of our training school, followed by an engaging demonstration from our Canine Vision team and a walk with some of our future Dog Guides in training. The group also enjoyed a short presentation about The Difference Campaign.

To wrap up their visit, the team rolled up their sleeves to help with stewardship activities such as writing thank you cards and assembling Difference Campaign packages. Their enthusiasm and teamwork made for an incredible afternoon.

Corporate volunteer groups like IMAX play an important role in helping us continue our mission. If your company is looking for a meaningful team-building experience that gives back, we would love to have you join us for a day of impact.

#### **Learn More about Corporate Giving**







## **Litter Update**

We're excited to share the arrival of several new puppies who have joined the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides family. Welcome to the world, little ones!

**V Litter:** Tacoma (black poodle) and Emru (cream poodle) – 12 puppies born July 12th – 4 black females, 4 black males, 3 cream females, and 1 apricot female.

**W Litter:** Fallon (black lab) and Kody (golden retriever) – 9 puppies born July 14th – 3 black females and 6 black males.

**Y Litter:** Island (silver poodle) and Emru (cream poodle) – 6 puppies born July 25th – 2 black females, 2 black males, and 2 cream females.

**Z Litter:** Padme (black lab) and Danny (golden retriever) – 7 puppies born August 9th – 4 black males and 3 yellow females.

**A Litter:** Dori (golden retriever) and Ollie (golden retriever) – 10 puppies born August 18th – 8 females and 2 males











