



A publication for Lions  
across Canada

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## A Letter from your Lions Liaison

A New Year of Possibility.

As we step into 2026, we do so with a strong sense of momentum and gratitude. Across the country, Lions continue to show what's possible when we come together in support of Canadians with disabilities.

Important work is continuing behind the scenes to secure funding and move us closer to resuming construction of our new national training facility. At the same time, one thing remains constant. Your commitment helps ensure Dog Guide programs and client services continue to change lives by providing greater safety, independence, and confidence for those we serve.

As the year unfolds, we look forward to sharing updates, celebrating progress, and recognizing the collective impact Lions are making every day. Thank you for being part of this journey and for helping make 2026 a year of possibility and purpose.

**Richard Banyard**  
Campaign Officer



# Lions Spotlight

## Green Capes Matching Challenge

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides recently led a major gift matching initiative made possible through the support of the Green Capes Lions Club. Their \$75,000 matching commitment encouraged donors to step forward, knowing their gifts would go twice as far in support of The Difference campaign.

The match helped inspire generous support, including a \$20,000 gift from Mary Ann Covi, whose participation in the campaign video encouraged others to give. With every donation matched dollar for dollar, this coordinated effort raised more than \$150,000, helping close the funding gap for the new national training facility while ensuring life-changing programs continue.

This initiative highlights the power of coming together at the right moment and the impact Lions can have when opportunity meets generosity. Thank you to the Green Capes Lions Club and to all donors who helped make this challenge such a success.

To watch the campaign video featuring Mary Ann Covi, please visit our YouTube channel: [Green Capes Match](#)



# Puppy Pal Program: Supporting Future Dog Guides from the Start

Every Dog Guide's journey begins with the wag of a tiny tail. Through the Puppy Pal Program, donors can symbolically "adopt" a litter of puppies and play a vital role in their path to becoming life-changing Dog Guides. With a gift of \$10,000, your club helps provide the care and training that sets each future Dog Guide up for success.

Your support covers:

- Breeding, veterinary care, and proper nutrition
- Housing, training resources, and equipment
- Support for volunteer foster families

As a Puppy Pal, you'll receive:

- A certificate of adoption and photo of the litter
- An update on their progress around 16 months

Not every puppy will graduate, but each will go on to make a difference, whether as a Dog Guide or through the Career Change program. Becoming a Puppy Pal is a meaningful way to invest in possibility and help more Canadians gain independence.

Learn more and become a Puppy Pal today: [www.dogguides.com/puppy-pal-program](http://www.dogguides.com/puppy-pal-program)





# Dog Guides Wish List – Make a Tangible Impact

Looking for a practical way to support Dog Guides? The Wish List allows Lions Clubs to purchase essential items that directly benefit puppies, clients, and programs. From training equipment and harnesses to enrichment toys and grooming supplies, every item helps keep our dogs healthy, happy, and ready to serve.

Explore the current Wish List online: <https://www.dogguides.com/donate/ways-to-donate/wish-list/>

Questions? Contact Richard Banyard, Campaign Officer – [rbanyard@dogguides.com](mailto:rbanyard@dogguides.com) | 1-800-768-3030 Ext. 202



## The Difference Campaign District Challenge Reminder

There's still time to take part in The Difference Campaign District Challenge! Any Lions Club within your district donating \$250 or more to The Difference Campaign counts toward your district's goal, 75% of clubs for Gold, 50% for Silver, and 25% for Bronze. Let's get your district on the plaque in our new national training facility and make a lasting difference. [dogguides.com/thedifference](https://dogguides.com/thedifference)

# Paws & Practice: Lions Learning Hub

## Fellowships & Memberships – Order Timeline Reminder

Recognizing Fellow Lions with a Fellowship or Life Membership is a meaningful way to honour service while supporting Dog Guides. To ensure your awards arrive on time, please note the following:

- Processing takes 4–6 weeks – please build this into your planning.
- For June presentations, order as early as possible to avoid last-minute delays.
- Best option: submit orders online to ensure fast and accurate processing

- [dogguides.com/lions-clubs-members/lions-club-ways-to-donate/memberships-fellowships](https://www.dogguides.com/lions-clubs-members/lions-club-ways-to-donate/memberships-fellowships)

- Alternatively, you may mail the attached Lions Resources Form if needed

- <https://www.dogguides.com/lions-clubs-members/lions-resources/>



Please note: Fellowships and Memberships are purchases and cannot be counted as a donation.

## Memorial Forest – Order Deadline Reminder

Honour the memory of a loved one or fellow Lion through the Memorial Forest Program. Each tree includes a plaque at its base and an “In Memoriam” certificate for the family.

- Trees purchased by April 25, 2026 will be recognized at the Memorial Forest Service on Saturday, June 13, 2026 in Breslau. Orders received after this date will be included in the 2027 ceremony.
- Order online: [dogguides.com/memorial-forest-order-form](https://www.dogguides.com/memorial-forest-order-form)



# Thank You for Your Generosity

(Donations as of November – December 2025)

## Ongoing Support

A3 Past District Governors Association	Lions Club	Kemptville Lions Club Inc.	Busy Lions Club
Ancaster Lions Club	Chippawa Lions Club	Kenton Area Lions Club	Neustadt & District Lions Club Inc.
Apsley & District Lions Club	Club Lions St Edouard Inc.	Killaloe & Area Lions Club Inc.	North Kamloops Lions Club
Austin & Area Lions Club	Dauphin Lions Club	Kingston (ON) Lions Club Inc.	Paradise & District Lions Club
Bath & District Lions Club	Deux-Montagnes Lions Club	Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions Club	Parkhill Lions Club Inc.
Beaver Valley Lions Club	Dollars for Doggies	Lakefield & District Lions Club	Pembina Valley & District Lions Club
Binscarth & District Lions Club	Drumbo Lions Club	Lawrencetown & District Lions Club	Petrolia Lions Club Inc
Bowsman & District Lions Club	Dunville Lions Club	Levis Lions Club Inc.	Ramea Lions Club
Bracebridge Lions Club	Edmonton Host Lions Club	Lions Club International N-1	Raymond Lions Club
Brandon Lions Club	Fairmont & District Lions Club	Listowel Branch Lions	Regina 35 Lions Club
Brandon Wheat City Lions Club Inc.	Fisherville District Lions Club	Lucan District Lions Club	Renfrew Lions Club Inc.
Burnaby Host Lions Club	Fort Erie Lions Club Inc	Lucknow & District Lions Club	Rivers & Area Lions Club
Caledon Lions Club Inc	Gilbert Plains & District Lions Club	Lynn Valley Lions Club	Riviere-Au-Renard Lions Club
Calgary Heritage Lions Club	Gore Bay West Manitoulin Lions Club	MacGregor Lions Club Inc.	Rosburn Lions Club Inc.
Calgary Northeast Eyeopener Lions Club	Hamiota Lions Club	Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Club	Saint Romuald Lions Club Inc
Canso Lions Club	Hyde Park & District Lions Club	Marsville & District Lions Club	Sandy Lake Lions Club
Chilliwack Mount Cheam Lions Club	Innisfail Lions Club	Minnedosa Lions Club	Selkirk (ON) Lions Club
Chilliwack Stellers Jay	Kamloops Brock Central Lions Club	Mosborough Busy	Shoal Lake Lions Club
	Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions Club		Sooke Lions Club
			Sorrento Lions Club

St. Davids & District Lions Club	Sylvan Lake & District Lions Club	Tillsonburg Lions Club	Lions Club Inc.
Swan River Lions Club Inc.	Thamesford Lions Club	Veteran & District Lions Club	Wawanesa Lions Club
Sweaburg & District Lions Club	Thessalon Lions Club	Ville St Georges Lions Club	Woodstock (ON) Lions Club
	Thorhild Lions Club	Waterdown District	Woolwich Community Lions Club
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<b>Capital Campaign</b>	Cymbria Lions Ladies Branch	Haliburton & District Lions Club Inc	Malvern Onyx Lions Club
Alexandria Lions Club	Dereham District Lions Club	Historic Battleford Lions Club	Marsville & District Lions Club
Antigonish Lions Club	District 5-SKN	Indian Head & District Lions Club	Maryfield District Lions Club
Armdale-Fairview Rockingham Lions Club	District 5-SKS	Kensington Lions Club	Mayne Island Lions Club
Austin & Area Lions Club	District N-4	Kenton Area Lions Club	Milo Lions Club
Barrhaven Lions Club	Dryden Lions Club	Keoma Lions Club	Minnedosa Lions Club
Bowness Lions Club	Dublin & District Lions Club	King City Lions Club	Mississauga Central Lions Club
Brighton Lions Club	East Elgin Leo's	Kingston (NS) Lions Club	Montague Lions Club
Burlington Lions Club	East Royalty Lions Club Ltd.	Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club Inc.	Mount Forest Lions Club
Calgary Westwind Lions Club	Esterhazy Lions Club	Lake Echo Lions Club	Mount Pearl Lions Club
Chepstow & District Lions Club	Eston Lions Club	Lakefield & District Lions Club	New Germany & Area Lions Club
Chesterville & District Lions Club	Finch & District Lions Club	Langley Lions Club	Niagara on the Lake Lions Club
Chippawa Lions Club	Flin Flon Lions Club	Lethbridge Host Lions Club	Norris Point Lions Club
Club Lions de Notre-Dame-des-Bois	Fonthill Lions Club	Lethbridge West Lions Club	North Rustico Lions Club
Colborne & District Lions Club	Fort Point Lions Club	Lions Clubs International District C-2	Oak Lake & Area Lions Club
Cowley Lions Club	Fortune Lions Club	Long Point Lions Club	Oak Ridges Lions Club
Crystal City Lions Club	Galahad Lions Club	MacNutt & District Lions Club	Oakburn & Area Lions Club
Cymbria Lions Club Inc.	Green Capes Trust Foundation		
	Hagersville District Lions Club		



Oliver Lions Club	River John & District Lions Club	St. George Lions Club	Tracadie Lions Club Inc.
Omeme & District Lioness Club	Rockton Lions Club	St. Margaret's Bay Lions Club	Uxbridge & District Lions Club
Oro District Lions Club	Rosebud Lions Club	Stephenville Crossing Lions Club	Vancouver East Lions Club
Oshawa Airport Lions Club	Rosthern Lions Club	Stony Plain Lions Club	Vankleek Hill & District Lions Club
Palmer Rapids & Area Lions Club	Russell & District Lions Club	Storrington Lions Club	Ville St Georges Lions Club
Parksville Lions Club	Sackville (NS) Lions Club	Stratford & Area (PE) Lions Club	Warwick Lions Club
Prince Edward County Lions Club	Sheet Harbour Lions Club	Sylvan Lake & District Lions Club	Welland Lions Club
Rapid City & Area Lions Club	South Brant Lions Club	Terrenceville Lions Club	Weston Lions Club Inc.
Region G Zone 10 Lions	Springdale Lions Club	Thornton District Lions Club	Winsloe Lions Club
	St. Eleanors Lions Club		Woodstock (ON) Lions Club

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### Scholarships

Bewdley & District Lions Club	Langley Lions Club	Peachland Lions Club
	North Newmarket Lions Foundation	Virden Lions Club

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### Fellowships and Memberships

Bonavista Lions Club	Hampton Lions Club	North Surrey Lions Club	Ste-Perpetue-de-L'Islet Lions Club Inc
Bowness Lions Club	Langley Lions Club	Sooke Lions Club	Waskada Lions Club Inc.
Calgary Northeast Eyeopener Lions Club	Mayne Island Lions Club	St. John's Lions Club	
Cremona Lions Club	Morinville Lions Club	St. Mathieu Lions Club Inc.	
Flin Flon Lions Club	Mount Seymour Lions Club	Stamford Lions Club	
	Nanaimo Lions Club	Stayner Lions Club	

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### Memorial Forest

Bonavista Lions Club	Hunter River Lions Club	Riverview Lions Club Inc.
Deer Lake Lions Club	Newcastle (NB) Lions Club	



# Contact Us

We always love hearing about what your clubs, zones, and districts are up to, and we'd be thrilled to share any highlights in our e-newsletter. We're talking stories, messages, club milestones, in memoriams, and anything else you'd like to feature. You can easily submit it online through our [intake form](#). Follow us on social media at [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#), and sign-up for our monthly newsletter to keep up-to-date on all things Dog Guides.

For further questions and additional support, please contact your Lions Liaison:

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