

PUPPY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

This type of sponsorship is very popular with individuals and businesses who want to become involved on a more personal level, but do not have the time to devote to raising a puppy.

Your **\$5,000.00** donation covers the cost of breeding, inoculations, spaying/neutering, heartworm prevention, Home Again© locator microchip, hip x-rays, on-site obedience classes, puppy kit (includes all necessary supplies for new puppies: dish, leash, puppy manual, etc.), plus periodic evaluations by the puppy department, training staff and veterinarian.

As a sponsor, you may choose a name for the puppy, and will receive photographs quarterly with a written report on how the pup is doing. Also, if your puppy is found suitable for the training program when evaluated at 18-22 months of age, you will receive an invitation to our Awards Ceremony with special recognition of your generosity when your puppy graduates as a guide dog.

It is important to remember that not all our pups go on to be guide dogs. In fact, approximately 40% are removed from the program because of problems with health or temperament (ie: allergies, congenital problems, overly solicitous, cat or dog distractions, etc.). While it is tremendously disappointing for all of us to remove pups from the program, the safety and wellbeing of our graduates is first and foremost.

If it is determined that your sponsored puppy is not suited for guide work, the puppy raiser will have the option of keeping it as a family pet. We refer to this as a "career change" for the dog. At that time, your sponsorship donation will be applied towards the next class graduating, and you will be acknowledged at their Awards Ceremony.

We appreciate your interest in our guide dog program. By working together, we help blind individuals fulfill their dream of living independent and productive lives with dignity.

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