



**Guide Dogs
of America**



**Tender Loving
Canines**



GUIDE DOGS

SERVICE DOGS FOR AUTISM

SERVICE DOGS FOR VETERANS

FACILITY DOGS

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH SERVICE DOGS

— Established 1948 • Merged 2020 —



Our hardworking dogs for people who are blind/visually impaired, veterans, children with autism and facilities become trusted companions, bringing confidence, mobility and independence.

All programs and services at Guide Dogs of America — including transportation, room/board and a lifetime of support — are provided at no cost to the recipient.



WHO WE ARE

Located on a beautiful 7.5-acre campus in Los Angeles, Guide Dogs of America serves a diverse range of individuals from the U.S. and Canada. Our services include:

- A professionally trained, highly qualified, expertly matched guide dog or service dog
- Personalized instruction in how to care for and work with your dog
- Transportation to and from our school (including air travel)
- Room and board during 7 or 21-day in-residence training program
- Three meals a day prepared by our professional chef
- Veterinary care at our clinic
- Specialized guide dog harness or service dog vest
- Extensive post-graduate support services

“Ever since receiving my first dog from Guide Dogs of America, my life has been filled with things that I CAN do, rather than what I can’t do. The school has given me the greatest gifts of my life...the ability to be independent and confident beyond anything I could have ever imagined.”

— GDA/TLC Graduate

OUR DOGS

Finding the right partner, forming a strong bond, and maintaining a solid support system are the keys to a successful guide or service dog partnership.



Guide Dogs for the Visually Impaired

Our Guide Dogs for the visually impaired help our clients travel with confidence and safety, bringing new opportunities for life experiences.

Requirements

- Legally blind
- At least 18 years of age
- Completed Orientation and Mobility training



Service Dogs for Veterans

Our service dogs help veterans suffering from PTSD or a mobility limitation gain greater independence and reintegrate into society. They are task trained to respond to emotional triggers and retrieve objects.

Requirements *(one of the following)*

- Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Mobility limiting disability



Service Dogs for Children with Autism

Our service dogs help children with autism gain confidence and experience newly found social interactions, encouraging positive communication opportunities.

Requirements

- Diagnosis of autism
- Children between the ages of 6 and 16 years are eligible
- Parent/guardian is the designated primary handler of the dog

Service Dogs for Facility

Our facility dogs that are placed in institutional settings are task trained to provide intervention and therapy to people with disabilities and victims of crime, and can motivate children to stay engaged in educational settings.

Requirements

- Medical facilities/rehabilitation facilities
- Courtrooms/government institutions
- Schools/learning facilities



We are an Assistance Dogs International accredited organization. All of our dogs are trained to ADI standards for public access and service dog cues, and we follow ADI guidelines for placement of our dogs.

THE JOURNEY

These highly trained guide dogs and service dogs provide **confidence, mobility and independence.**

The journey from puppy to adulthood is eventful, with many stages along the way. Our guide dogs and service dogs benefit from each step, to become trusted and reliable companions for the partners with whom they are custom-matched.



PUPPY RAISING

We are always in need of loving homes for our young puppies. Volunteer puppy raisers are the foundation of our training program at Guide Dogs of America.

To become a volunteer puppy raiser, or contribute in other ways, please visit guidedogsofamerica.org today!

GET INVOLVED

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