



## 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.

## GET INVOLVED

Volunteering • Donations • Planned Giving • Corporate Sponsorships

To become a volunteer puppy raiser, or contribute in other ways, please visit [guidedogsofamerica.org](https://www.guidedogsofamerica.org) today!



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GUIDE DOGS | SERVICE DOGS FOR AUTISM | SERVICE DOGS FOR VETERANS | FACILITY DOGS

## TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH SERVICE DOGS

— Established 1948 • Merged 2020 —

# WHO WE ARE

Located on a beautiful 7.5-acre campus in Los Angeles, GDA | TLC 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 in-residence training program
- Three meals a day prepared by a professional chef
- Veterinary care at our clinic on campus
- 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 Individuals Who Are 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 and travel independently with a cane

## 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.

### Requirements

- Diagnosis of autism
- Four to 12 years of age
- Parent/guardian is primary handler of the dog

## Service Dogs for Facilities

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
- Police Departments

