



Guide Dogs
of America



Tender Loving
Canines

OUR IMPACT

Transforming lives through partnerships with service dogs

Our Organization

At Guide Dogs of America | Tender Loving Canines, we transform lives through partnerships with service and facility dogs. We breed, raise, and train guide dogs for individuals who are blind/visually impaired and service dogs for veterans and children with autism. We also place facility dogs with professionals in hospitals, schools, and courtrooms. All programs and services, including transportation, personalized training, room/board, and postgraduate support, are provided at no cost to the recipient.

Our Dogs

OUR GUIDE DOGS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED improve our clients' mobility and bring new opportunities for life experiences and social interaction. These highly trained canines help our clients travel safely from one destination to the next.

OUR SERVICE DOGS FOR VETERANS help heroes reintegrate into society by alleviating their PTSD/TBI or sexual trauma symptoms and assisting with mobility limitations. They are trained to provide grounding or sensory input to decrease the physiological symptoms of stress/anxiety.

OUR SERVICE DOGS FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM become trusted companions that create hope and usher confidence and independence into our clients and their families' lives. They can also perform cues like wave, bow, and fist bump to welcome new opportunities to help improve communication skills and provide deep pressure. Additionally, our autism service dogs may prevent a child from eloping through the use of a secondary leash to hold while walking.

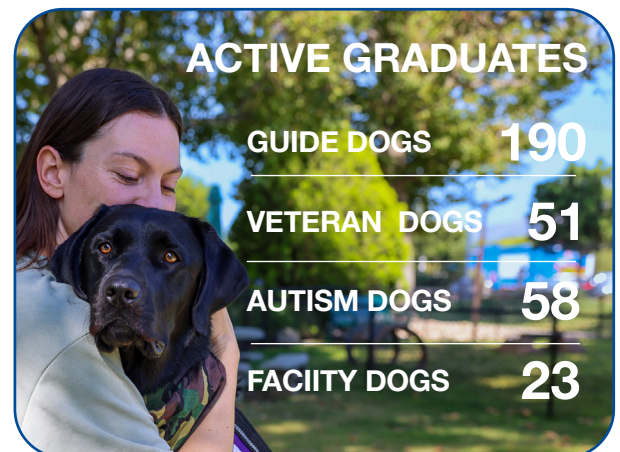
OUR FACILITY DOGS ARE TASK-TRAINED CANINES that partner with professionals to support individuals with disabilities, victims of crime, and other vulnerable populations.

\$60,000

Our cost of breeding, raising and training each team — service dog and student

Our Community

- 290 Volunteers
- 150 Puppy Raisers
- Over 6,000 Annual Donors



- 65% LABRADOR RETRIEVERS
- 30% LABRADOR & GOLDEN RETRIEVER CROSSES
- 5% GOLDEN RETRIEVERS



TRANSFORMING LIVES, ONE TEAM AT A TIME



KIM AND VETERAN SERVICE DOG, JACKSON

Allow me tell you about Jackson and the difference he's made in my life. After 21 years in the Air Force, I was diagnosed with spinal cancer—likely caused by burn pit exposure in Iraq. Surgery left me paralyzed from the chest down. Tasks I once did without thinking became overwhelming. I feared falling, avoided crowds, and struggled with the idea of using a walker. My independence was slipping away.

Then came Jackson, my service dog. With his custom balance harness, he does more than keep me steady—he gives me the confidence to step back into the world. He silently creates space in busy places, helping me move through life with dignity.

“Jackson isn’t just my service dog—he’s my lifeline. Thanks to him, I’m enjoying the moments I once missed—family outings, football games, and everyday joys.”



LOGAN & AUTISM SERVICE DOG, HADLEY

When autism, a pandemic, and a cancer diagnosis challenged Kaylie’s family, one service dog changed everything. Hadley, a lab-golden retriever from GDA | TLC, brought hope, healing, and connection.

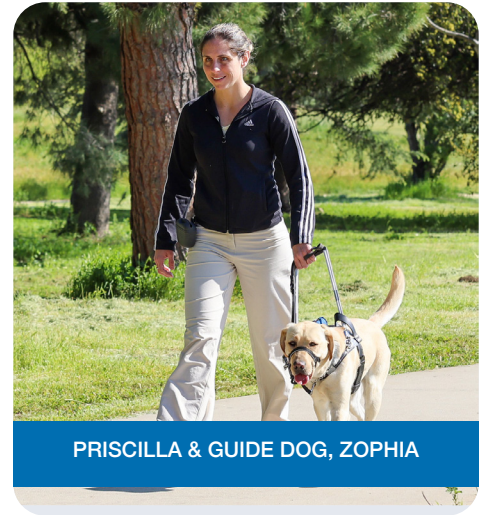
“I simply dreamed of going to the grocery store. This year, we went to Disneyland as a family. Hadley even got to come on some of the rides with us!”



KIMBERLY & FACILITY DOG, VALOO

When Kimberly met Valoo, she had no idea how to work with a facility dog—but now, she can’t imagine life at the Wichita Children’s Home without him. Trained to provide comfort, deep pressure therapy, and unconditional love, Valoo supports kids recovering from trauma with heart and healing.

“He’s a lover — he knows when one of us is having a hard time and will always step in to comfort us.”



PRISCILLA & GUIDE DOG, ZOPHIA

When Paralympic Judo athlete Priscilla Gagné transitioned from a white cane to a guide dog, she found more than mobility—she found a trusted teammate. From training in California to navigating Montreal’s busy streets, Zophia empowers Priscilla daily.

“She breezes through obstacles. I don’t need to ask for help anymore.”

