PUPPY RAISING

Help raise a future hero — open your home to a puppy in training.

Volunteer puppy raisers are the foundation of our training programs at GDA | TLC.



Volunteering to raise a puppy is a deeply rewarding experience. By providing a loving home and essential training, you can change someone's life forever. Not only will you witness the incredible transformation of a playful pup into a highly skilled service dog, but you'll join our compassionate community or puppy raisers who are dedicated to enhancing the lives of those in need.

Come for a tour

Donate — Make a transformative gift

Planned Giving — Leave us in your legacy
Start a fundraiser

Volunteer on our campus



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

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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH SERVICE DOGS

- Established 1948 -

WHO WE ARE

Located on a beautiful 7.5-acre campus in Los Angeles, GDA | TLC serves a diverse range of individuals from the United States and Canada.



"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."

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Accreditations





Our services include:

- A professionally trained, highly qualified, expertly matched guide dog or service dog.
- Personalized instruction on 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.

WHO WE SERVE

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



Guide Dogs for Individuals Who Are Visually

Impaired: Helping our clients travel with confidence and safety, providing new opportunities for life experiences.

Requirements

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

Service Dogs for Veterans: Helping our clients suffering from PTSD or mobility limitations gain greater independence and reintegrate into society. These dogs 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:

Providing therapeutic support, helping our clients gain confidence and encouraging positive communication.

Requirements

- Diagnosis of autism.
- · Applicants must be between six and nine years of age.
- · Parent/guardian is primary handler of the dog.

Service Dogs for Facilities: are placed in institutional settings, these dogs are task-trained to provide intervention and therapeutic support to individuals with disabilities or those affected by crime.

Requirements

- Medical and rehabilitation facilities
- Courtrooms/government institutions
- · Schools and learning centers
- Police departments

