



Guide Dogs
of America



Tender Loving
Canines

Guide Dogs

Partners for independence.



Photo Description: Man and his guide dog walking with trainer on a cement pathway. Back of woman and her guide dog on the beach.

A guide dog is a highly trained partner who helps people who are blind or visually impaired travel with greater confidence, safety, and independence. A successful guide dog team is built on trust, skill, and collaboration.

What a Guide Dog Does:

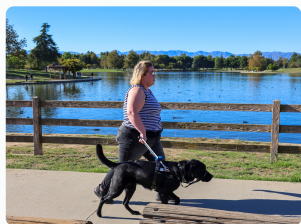
- Maintains a straight, efficient line of travel
- Stops at curbs, stairs, and drop-offs
- Avoids obstacles
- Uses intelligent disobedience to prevent danger

What a Guide Dog Doesn't Do:

- Decide when it is safe to cross the street
- Provide directions to destinations
- Act as protection or as a guard dog

At Guide Dogs of America | Tender Loving Canines, we are fully accredited by the **International Guide Dog Federation** and **Assistance Dogs International**.

Is a Guide Dog Right for You?



Series of 3 photos: 1. Woman walking on path with black guide dog and lake in background. 2. Handler and black guide dog in crosswalk, 3. Smiling woman sitting with arm around black guide dog.

Guide dogs are best suited for people who:

- Designated as legally blind, and at least 18 years old
- Travel independently, with 3-4 purposeful daily routes
- Have completed orientation and mobility (white cane) training
- Can analyze intersections and make safe crossing decisions
- Are physically active and able to walk 1-2 miles per day
- Are prepared for a demanding training experience
- Are financially able, and ready to care for a dog's daily needs

GDA|TLC Guide Dogs are **provided at no cost to the recipient**, are carefully matched with applicants, with support throughout the working life of the dog.

Take the next step:

Learn more about our Guide Dog Program at guidedogsofamerica.org

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