

Dog Guides Canada is a national charity whose mission is to provide guide and assistance dogs to Canadians with physical or medical disabilities. Our school trains five different types of Dog Guides.

Canine Vision Dog Guides for people who are blind or visually impaired

Hearing Ear Dogs Guides for people who are deaf or hard of hearing

Special Skills Dog Guides for people who have a physical disability

Seizure Response Dog Guides for people who have epilepsy

Autism Assistance Dog Guides for children who have autism

Diabetic Alert Dog Guides for people who have type 1 diabetes with hypoglycemic unawareness

Career Change dogs are those which have been disqualified from our programs due to temperament and/or health reasons. They may or may not have received some formal Dog Guide training. This is strictly dependant on what stage they were at when they were disqualified. All have been raised in volunteer foster homes where they have been socialized and house trained. Further obedience training is recommended once placed in a new home. We occasionally have dogs returned for adoption that are retiring from a working environment.

All dogs are spayed or neutered and vaccinations are updated. There is a two-week trial period to ensure that the dog is a suitable fit with your family. A fee is charged for all dogs based on age, level of training and reason for disqualification. Fees range from \$1,000-\$1,500, although fees for dogs with medical issues or retiring dogs are assessed case by case. This fee helps cover the many costs associated with the care, veterinary expenses and training of Dog Guides and helps us continue our efforts to provide Dog Guides at no cost to people with disabilities.

If you wish to be on our waiting list for a Career Change dog, please complete the attached application form. Applications are processed by date received and are held in sequence. The waiting period can be up to a year or more at times, depending on the number of dogs we are seeking homes for and suitability of dogs to applicants. We will contact you when there is a dog suitable to your needs. Your application will be kept on file for one year. If you have not been contacted within that time and wish to extend the application further please contact us. Please be sure to call to update your application if your situation changes or you wish to be taken off the waiting list.

Thank you for your inquiry into our Career Change Program.

Sincerely,



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