



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA DOG GUIDES

Lions Foundation of Canada is a national charitable foundation created by Lions Clubs across Canada. Its mission is to assist Canadians with a medical or physical disability by providing them Dog Guides at no cost.

Since 1983, Lions Foundation of Canada has provided specially trained Dog Guides to people of all ages from coast to coast.

Each Dog Guide costs approximately \$25,000 to raise and train yet they are provided at no cost to qualified applicants. Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides does not receive any government funding and relies on the support of fundraising events and donations from service clubs, corporations, foundations and individuals across the country.

DOG GUIDE PROGRAMS:

Canine Vision Dog Guides
Hearing Ear Dog Guides
Service Dog Guides
Seizure Response Dog Guides
Autism Assistance Dog Guides
Diabetic Alert Dog Guides



AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOG GUIDES

Helping children with autism spectrum disorder, Autism Assistance Dog Guides provide safety, companionship and unconditional love. Bonding with the Dog Guide helps both the child and their family gain increased independence and social interaction.

Autism Assistance Dog Guides...

- Provide calming relief for children in high anxiety situations
- Reduce the stress commonly experienced in public places

SEIZURE RESPONSE DOG GUIDES

Seizure Response Dog Guides assist individuals that experience frequent epileptic seizures. They are trained to recognize and react to the onset of a seizure. Handlers feel secure going out knowing that their Dog Guide is always by their side.

Seizure Response Dog Guides...

- Bark for help
- Are able to activate an alert system
- Provide comfort after a seizure



CANINE VISION DOG GUIDES

Canine Vision Canada trains Dog Guides to help people who are blind or visually impaired. These Dog Guides help create an increased sense of mobility for their handler.

Canine Vision Dog Guides...

- Are specially trained to navigate busy streets, stairs, escalators and other obstacles that are found on most daily routes

The training of a Dog Guide is an intensive four to six month period, training one-on-one with a qualified trainer. Once fully trained, the dog is matched with its handler who then spends one to four weeks at the Oakville training facility, learning how to handle, trust and bond with their new Dog Guide. Breeds commonly used are Labrador Retrievers, Poodles (for those who are allergic to dogs) and Golden Retrievers.

SERVICE DOG GUIDES

Service Dog Guides are trained to assist people with a physical disability, helping increase their sense of independence and mobility on a daily basis.

Service Dog Guides...

- Open and close doors
- Retrieve dropped items
- Can get help when needed



HEARING EAR DOG GUIDES

Hearing Ear Dog Guides are trained to assist people who are deaf or hard of hearing. With an increased sense of security, clients are able to feel comfortable in their own home. These Dog Guides are taught to alert their handler to important sounds, make physical contact with their handler and lead them to the sound.

Hearing Ear Dog Guides...

- Respond to sounds such as an alarm clock sounding, ringing phone and fire alarm
- Respond to hand signals if handler uses sign language

DIABETIC ALERT DOG GUIDES

Diabetic Alert Dog Guides assist people who have type 1 diabetes with hypoglycemic unawareness. They are trained to detect sudden drops in their handler's blood sugar through scent and alert them so that they can ingest something.

Diabetic Alert Dog Guides...

- Bark for help
- Are able to activate an alert system
- Can retrieve food
- Provide comfort after a hypoglycemic episode

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Lions Foundation of Canada relies on the generosity of individuals, corporations, foundations and service clubs. Through the support of Lions and thousands of people across the country, Dog Guides are provided at no cost to recipients. There are a number of ways to help provide Dog Guides and every donation makes a difference. Your gift will help Canadians with disabilities.

- Make a single or monthly donation
- Sponsor a Dog Guide team
- Involve your company
- Leave a bequest

You can donate by:

Telephone: (905) 842-2891 Ext. 0

Toll Free: 1 (800) 768-3030 Ext. 0

Online: www.dogguides.com

Mail: Complete the form (on reverse) and send to:

Lions Foundation of Canada

152 Wilson St. Oakville, ON L6K 0G6

or fax to: (905) 842-3373

Tax receipts are issued for all donations of \$20 or more.

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