

Trainer Sponsor



**Guide
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TASMANIA

Guide Dog Sponsorship Journey

At Guide Dogs Tasmania, we believe that dogs have the power to transform people's lives. Your support will ensure more Tasmanians living with disability receive a life changing gift of independence, mobility, safety and companionship.

It takes more than two years and over \$35,000 to raise, train and match a working dog. By becoming a **Trainer Sponsor**, you can make an investment that will have a genuine and tangible impact on someone else's life.

For a tax deductible gift of \$35,000 or more, you can become a **Trainer Sponsor** and will receive the following benefits:

- Opportunity to name a puppy (name subject to approval).
- Receive a Welcome Pack, including a photograph of your sponsored puppy.
- Meet your sponsored puppy twice during their puppy raising period.
- A framed photograph of your named puppy in their training harness.
- Invite to attend your pup's Graduation with an opportunity to speak.
- Receive the quarterly Puppy Love newsletter.
- Recognition as a sponsor in Puppy Love and on our website if desired.
- **Sponsorship timeframe:** 24 months (to completion of formal training).

Help us to help them grow.

Take the first step in your journey as a Guide Dog Sponsor.

Call us on **(03) 6232 1261** or email **Melanie.Spunt@guidedogstas.com.au**

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Will my puppy definitely become a Guide Dog?

No. We have a world-class training program and every year a high percentage of our puppies go on to become Guide Dogs. In a few cases, dogs aren't able to achieve the high standards we need. In these cases we endeavour to place all our dogs in companion and therapy roles where they will continue to make a life changing difference to a person with a disability or illness.

Q. Could my sponsored dog be selected for an alternate role to becoming a Guide Dog?

Yes. A number of our dogs may be selected for alternate roles such as an Assistance, Therapy or Companion Dog, based on their temperament and attributes. If this decision is made we will inform you as to the decision and progress of your sponsored dog.

Q. Will I still receive updates on my dog once it is in training or working?

Once the sponsorship period you have selected is completed, we are unable to provide further information on the progress of the dog you have named.

Q. Does my money go directly to the pup I have named?

Your donations will be spent wherever the need is greatest and could be used for a host of things such as food, training and vets bills. All donations will help provide independence and freedom for Tasmanians living with disability or illness.

Q. How should I choose a name?

Make sure that names you choose are no more than two syllables long and don't sound like dog training commands such as 'sit', 'wait' and 'stand'. Avoid anything that might be embarrassing for a handler to have to call in public.

Q. When can I meet the puppy?

We need to make sure that the pup is healthy and settled with their puppy raiser before they meet you. Some puppies take longer than others to get settled, so you might have to wait longer to meet the puppy.

You will meet your named puppy twice – the first visit will be during the puppy raising year and the second will be once they have settled into their training school.

Q. Can I choose a specific breed, sex or colour of dog?

We are unable to specify the breed, sex or colour of the puppy you will be naming, however we will endeavour to give you a choice if possible. One thing we can guarantee is that they will be adorable!

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