

A Gift For The Future



**Guide
Dogs**
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Your Legacy



Guide Dogs Tasmania is the only organisation to raise and train puppies in the state. We exist to ensure people with vision impairment, disability and illness can live independent lives of their own choosing. It takes over two years and costs more than \$50,000 to train a Guide or Assistance Dog. We rely on the support of the community to provide these life-changing services to Tasmanians in need.

Life-changing dogs



Guide Dogs Tasmania has been providing life-changing Guide Dogs to the community for over 60 years. Today, Guide Dogs Tasmania also provides Autism Assistance and Therapy Dogs.

These beautiful dogs do so much more than help people who are vision impaired to navigate the world around them. They do more than settle and calm a child living with autism, or someone struggling with trauma or illness.

These dogs give the gift of independence and confidence to their handlers, and it takes two years of intensive training to prepare them for their unique task. They bring joy and companionship, hope and opportunity not only to the people whose lives they are changing, but also to their families.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you will not only support the training of these incredible dogs, but your gift will help many more Tasmanians realise the power of the bond between human and dog in achieving greater freedom, independence and companionship.



“ If I didn't have Taylor, I really don't know how I would have coped. I couldn't be without him now. He's my lifeline. ”

A gift in your Will touches the future

Your Will is one of the most important documents you will ever prepare. Of course, when preparing your Will, your priority will be to provide for your loved ones.

Many people also use their Will to make a powerful statement about their values and causes close to their heart. A gift in your Will is the ultimate expression of generosity, as it is the gift that keeps on giving – long after you are able to do so personally.

It stands as a legacy to your memory, and one that has the power to transform the lives of Tasmanians beyond your lifetime.

Every puppy that joins the pack will change a life.





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Having Billie makes the world feel much friendlier,
because before, it was all about obstacles,
whereas now, it's just about freedom.”

Our Guide Dog program



A Guide Dog provides companionship and support for a person who is living with blindness or low vision, giving them the gift of independence and freedom.

These very special dogs are trained to guide their handler along learned routes to reach a destination, and to locate specific items such as a door, empty seats or pedestrian buttons at the traffic lights.

When they have successfully completed their training, these very special puppies will do for someone else what beautiful Billie is doing right now for Anne.

“Having Billie makes the world feel much friendlier, because before, it was all about obstacles, whereas now, it’s just about freedom,” says Anne, who was given the sweet-natured black Labrador in 2018.

Anne says Billie has helped her be out in the world more – even with simple things like meeting a friend for lunch. “I wouldn’t have done that with just the cane,” she says.



“Autistic children can be very isolated from their peers, but a dog can help a lot with that. Having a four-legged best friend by their side can keep them calm and often boost their confidence.”

Kim, Program Manager Guide Dogs Tasmania

Our Autism Assistance Dog program

An Autism Assistance Dog can improve quality of life for both a child and their family by improving social participation, inclusion, connectedness, independence and safe community access.

An Autism Assistance Dog is trained to assist with behaviour management and can help calm the child, reduce episodes of sensory overload and interrupt behaviour patterns.

An Autism Assistance Dog can also help with the child's safety. Some autistic children have a substantially lower awareness of danger and may have a tendency to abscond during times of anxiety or stress.

An Autism Assistance Dog provides constant and consistent support wherever the child goes.





“Children can often make a unique connection with a Therapy Dog, allowing them to achieve goals which may not have been possible, or may have otherwise taken much longer to accomplish.”

Our Dog-Assisted Therapy program

Dog-Assisted Therapy uses the assistance of a trained dog to achieve specific therapy goals. It can help youngsters who are withdrawn or have difficulties with self-regulation to relax and open-up. It's also a great way of reducing anxiety and it can give a young child a focus or interest to develop motivation. It encourages emotional regulation and helps with play and self-language skills.

Children of all ages, with a range of disabilities, can benefit from Dog-Assisted Therapy. These may include autism, global developmental delay, intellectual or learning disability, sensory impairment or physical disability.



Make a lasting impact in five easy steps



1 Consider the family and friends you would like to remember in your Will



2 Choose the type of gift you would like to leave



3 Complete the form overleaf



4 Ensure your Will is legal by sending the completed form to your solicitor or trustee



5 Help us to ensure your vision for the future is fulfilled by letting us know

Why support us this way?

By leaving a gift in your **Will to Guide Dogs Tasmania:**



You are helping provide life-changing services, which enable Tasmanians living with disability to live the life they choose.



Your gift will help train more puppies to meet the growing demand for Guide and Assistance Dogs in our community.



A gift in your Will will keep on giving for years to come. It stands as a legacy to your memory.

How do you leave a gift in your Will?

There are many ways you can include a gift in your Will to Guide Dogs Tasmania. You should seek advice from your solicitor or legal advisor, and they will talk you through your options which include:

- **Residuary:** the remainder of an estate after specific gifts have been disbursed
- **Percentage:** a percentage of either the residue or the entire estate
- **Pecuniary:** a specific gift of cash
- **A specific asset:** real estate, shares, bonds or other particular items of value



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My Guide Dogs have allowed me to work, travel, meet new people, and most importantly, given me the choice to do what I want in life. ”

Merran, Guide Dogs Tasmania client and Gifts in Wills supporter

My gift for the future

Please complete this form, detach, and send to your solicitor or trustee.

"I give to Guide Dogs Tasmania (operated by EverAbility Group ABN 11 157 291 960):

The rest and residue of my Estate or percent of my Estate **or**

_____ percent of my estate **or**

_____ percent of the residue of my Estate **or**

The sum of \$ _____ for its general purposes **or**

The sum of \$ _____ for its (insert specific purpose/s, _____, or in the absence of such specific purpose/s, general purposes.

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The Merran Thurley Society

Although you are not obliged to inform us if you are planning to leave a gift in your Will, we encourage you to do so. Not only so we can thank you in person and discuss your wishes, but also because we would love to welcome you to join the Merran Thurley Society.

The Merran Thurley Society was established to honour the generosity of our wonderful supporters who have included Guide Dogs Tasmania in their Will. It is named after a valued friend of Guide Dogs Tasmania, Merran Thurley, who has been with us for over 50 years.

Membership to the society is optional and free. As an honorary member to the society, you will receive invitations to special events, along with regular updates. You will also receive an exclusive membership pin and other opportunities for recognition.

“

If it wasn't for the generosity of others, I may not have been so lucky to have had eight wonderful dogs over the last five decades.

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Merran Thurley



Register for the Merran Thurley Society

Please complete this form, detach, and send to Guide Dog Tasmania.

- ☐ I/we confirm I/we have left a gift to Guide Dogs Tasmania in my/our Will(s). Please enrol me/us in the Merran Thurley Society.
- ☐ I/we would like further information about leaving a gift in my/our Will(s) to Guide Dogs Tasmania.

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Lapel pin



Our gift in Will supporters

“ It's not something you're going to see the results of in your lifetime, but it's about what you can do for someone in the future. ”

Rhonda Cronan



“ I think the training of the dogs is amazing... I encourage anyone to support Guide Dogs Tasmania with a bequest from their will. ”

Philip Whitehead



“ It means that I've done something worthwhile that has helped others and I thought there was no better charity than Guide Dogs Tasmania. ”

Barbara Self





Guide Dogs Tasmania is committed to protecting the privacy of all individuals with whom it conducts its service and business operations. You can rest assured that all of your information will be kept strictly confidential.

Thank you again for considering leaving a gift in your Will to Guide Dogs Tasmania.

Phil & Yoda

Thank you

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will or want to know more about how these gifts change lives, please get in touch.



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