

Guide Dogs TAS



Leave a gift in your Will

Ensure your legacy lives on into the future

Guide Dogs Tasmania exists to ensure people with vision impairment, disability and illness can live independent lives of their own choosing. It takes 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 Guide Dogs to the community for over 60 years. Today, Guide Dogs Tasmania also provides Autism Assistance, Therapy and Companion Dogs.

These beautiful dogs do so much more than help people who are vision impaired 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 support the training of these incredible dogs, and help many more Tasmanians achieve greater freedom, independence and companionship.

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. Wherever they are placed, and whoever they are matched with, each dog will have a life-changing impact on an individual Tasmanian or family living with disability or illness.







Guide Dog Program

Guide Dogs Tasmania is a leading, specialist provider of Guide Dog services for Tasmanians living with low or no vision.

Our Guide Dogs are specifically trained to help people retain their independence, increase confidence and social interaction, to allow for greater participation in work, study or recreational activities, and provide a sense of safety.

Skills include:

- helping their handler to avoid obstacles
- stopping at kerbs and steps to maintain safety
- assisting in locating destinations as well as traffic lights, chairs and doors.





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.





Facility Dog Program

Facility Dogs are highly trained dogs that undertake specific, skilled tasks in a variety of different situations within a facility environment.

Facility Dogs work in offices, hospitals, courts, educational settings and many other places. Facility Dogs can help by supporting people in challenging situations. They can also make people feel more comfortable, especially in a new or unfamiliar environment.





Companion Dog Program

Companion Dogs improve the quality of life for adults and children living with disability or illness.

Their friendship and ability to assist with certain tasks can provide relief and reassurance to those identified by Guide Dogs Tasmania as suitable for placement.



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 you 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.



“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 take 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 the residue of my Estate or
- the sum of \$..... for its general purposes.

The receipt of the treasurer or current officer of the organisation shall be sufficient discharge to my executors in respect of this bequest.

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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.”**

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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