

Why Sponsor?

There is nothing better than being part of a family and at Guide Dogs Victoria that's how we think of our Sponsors. Puppy Sponsorship is a great way to be involved with Guide Dogs Victoria, and help change the life of a person with low vision or blindness.

Beth Foley has experienced firsthand the overwhelming pride and enjoyment associated with being a Puppy Sponsor. Beth found her initial puppy sponsorship so rewarding, she recently sponsored a second puppy, 'Danny'.

"Through my involvement with Guide Dogs Victoria, I've come to understand the enormous difference that a working dog can make in the life of a person with a disability. For someone with low vision or blindness, a Guide Dog gives independence and a level of mobility that otherwise wouldn't exist. It's such an important gift and it gives me great joy to be able to support this wonderful charity in this way." Beth Foley



How to Sponsor

Thank you for your interest in Guide Dogs Victoria. We would love for you to join us as a sponsor at a level that suits you. By sponsoring a Guide Dog puppy, you can give freedom, independence and mobility to a person with low vision or blindness. If you have any further queries or would like to speak to The Sponsorship Manager, please contact Tracy Purcell on 03 9854 4435 or 0418 588 094.



Puppy Sponsorship with Guide Dogs Victoria



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Puppy



\$7,500

- Welcome pack
- Puppy photo
- Six week visit to Guide Dogs HQ
- Invitation to three puppy classes
- One update at 16 weeks
- Event invitations

Supports the first 16 weeks of a pup's life including health assessments, microchipping, vaccinations, puppy raiser selection and matching, 'go home' equipment (including lead, dog bowl, dog bed and toys), plus three puppy classes.

Apprentice



\$35,000

- Name puppy*
- Welcome pack
- Dog photo in harness with instructor
- Three updates
- Event invitations
- Pup visit to home/work
- Annual report recognition
- Invitation to Graduation

Sponsors a pup from birth to 14 months of age. During this time, the pup is nurtured, socialised and exposed to a variety of people and places. The pup completes distraction training at indoor shops, busy areas and public transport. The pup becomes car ready, touch-ready (used to wearing coat/buckles) and, most importantly, harness-ready!

*Sponsor can name pup using the first letter assigned to its litter by Guide Dogs Victoria.

Graduate



\$50,000

Benefits of 'Apprentice' level, plus:

- Choose colour of puppy and name puppy with any letter**
- Observe puppy in training
- Opportunity for photoshoot with your sponsored pup
- Q&A with Guide Dog Instructor

This level of sponsorship supports your very own, specially named pup from birth, through all stages to its placement and training with a client.

**Puppy names must be approved by Guide Dogs Victoria and cannot be a duplicate name of any Guide Dog currently working in Australia.

Training



\$15,000

- Welcome pack
- Dog photo in harness with instructor
- Q&A with Guide Dog Instructor
- Invitation to observe a training walk
- Three updates
- Invitation to Graduation

Supports 20 weeks of intensive obstacle and environment training with a professional and highly specialized Guide Dog Mobility Instructor. This occurs for each dog between the ages of 14–19 months. This training brings the dog's skills to a level where they are ready to begin training with a client who is living with blindness or low vision.

Breeding



\$25,000

- Choose a dog and follow two of her pregnancies
- Welcome pack
- A photo of the proud parent
- Invitation to meet her
- Three updates
- Annual report recognition
- Q&A with breeding staff

Supports the journey of a Guide Dog parent as she enters our breeding program. Follow her as she embarks on becoming a proud parent to a litter of future Guide Dogs. She lives with a volunteer who cares for her full time, but once her due date is imminent she will come to our Edwards Nursery to be cared for. A wonderful opportunity to support the Guide Dogs of the future.

Partnership



\$25,000

- Choose a dog to follow
- Welcome pack
- Dog photo in harness with instructor
- Q&A with Guide Dog Instructor
- Two updates
- Event invitations
- Annual report recognition
- Invitation to Graduation

Supports the training of a Guide Dog once they are matched with their handler, at about 19–24 months of age. The Guide Dog and their new handler are supported by Guide Dog Mobility Practitioners to learn to work together the first few weeks at our campus residence and then at the handlers home where they become familiar with home routines, sounds, visitors, local routes and destinations to achieve