

“I have a real affinity with Guide Dogs Victoria and I know the difference they can make to someone who is vision impaired.

I really admire the Puppy Raisers who come into the hotel’s restaurant to socialise their pups - they do such an amazing job.

‘Ralph’ (our Collection Dog) is our way of contributing. He’s been a permanent fixture on our bar for years and he’s well known to our patrons. We tell them, ‘Ralph’ says ‘Woof’ to thank you every time you put money in.”

Rini Dominguez, Harp of Erin Hotel



Collection Dog Program

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Please join the thousands of businesses who support the important work of GDV by installing your own Collection Dog.

You can help provide the precious gift of freedom and independence to blind and vision impaired Victorians.

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ESSENTIAL FUNDING

The iconic status of Guide Dogs Victoria's (GDV) Collection Dogs has grown over the past four decades and today, they generate more funds than ever before.

There are several thousand hard working Collection Dogs throughout metropolitan and regional Victoria and their income is invested directly in our specialist mobility services, including Guide Dogs. All those individuals who place spare change and notes in our Collection Dogs make a substantial contribution to GDV.

GDV receives under seven per cent of its funding from the Government and relies heavily on the generosity of individual donors, supporters and businesses to continue its important work.



AN EASY WAY TO HELP

Supporting GDV is easy with a Collection Dog; there are no costs, contracts or paperwork involved.

GDV's large Collection Dogs are floor standing and are approximately 85 centimetres in height. They are best suited to high volume traffic areas where they can capture passing trade - for example, supermarkets, garden centres, pet shops and large variety and hardware stores.

Our small Collection Dogs are approximately 30 centimetres in height and stand on counters adjacent to the point of sale in hotels, clubs, convenience stores, newsagents and other smaller stores.

Our Collection Dogs are all Golden Labradors, labelled with the Guide Dogs Victoria logo, our phone number and website address. Any other collection devices featuring dogs belong to another agency that has no connection with Guide Dogs Victoria.

CLEARING FUNDS

Large and small Collection Dogs are cleared and maintained by GDV collectors up to three to four times a year.

Large Collection Dogs are cleared and maintained on site. Their valuable contents are taken back to Guide Dogs Victoria in Kew for counting and receipting. Small Collection Dogs are replaced on a new for old basis. The existing dog is removed for emptying, counting, receipting and recycling and a replacement dog is left at the same time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Collectors always present an official GDV identification badge before removing the dog or its contents. Unfortunately, we cannot count and issue receipts on site as it would be too time consuming.

After the dogs' contents are counted at GDV, receipts and thank you letters are forwarded to business proprietors. This letter can also be displayed to publicise your community involvement. Additionally, the best Collection Dog sites are also acknowledged at the end of financial year with appreciation certificates and acknowledgement letters.

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