

Guide Dogs.

Become a
Guide Dog
Vet Partner





Introducing our Vet Partner Program

Become a Guide Dog Vet Partner and directly support world-class veterinary care for all Guide Dogs' puppies, from birth through training to their graduation as Guide Dogs for people with low vision or blindness in Victoria.



Becoming a Vet Partner is a unique way to support the Guide Dog program, gain personal insight into a world-class veterinary program and experience the real impact of your gift.

Vet Partners give our amazing dogs access to the very best veterinary care necessary to become life-changing Guide Dogs for people living with low vision or blindness.

Not only will your gift help our dogs receive essential vet care throughout their training to become Guide Dogs... it is an investment into one of the most powerful relationships – the bond between a person with low vision or blindness and their Guide Dog.

Each year, Guide Dogs Victoria spends over \$300,000 on veterinary and breeding services to support our colony of over 180 dogs (including puppies, dogs in training, and our breeding stock). Our highly skilled and dedicated dogs deserve the best possible care, as they work to provide essential guidance, support and care for people in need.

Guide Dogs is committed to providing these dogs with the highest level of physical and emotional care. Happy and healthy service dogs are also best able to support Clients who have low vision or other needs.

Help Guide Dogs change lives for many years to come

While a Guide Dog offers priceless support to a person living with low vision or blindness, the cost to breed, raise and train each dog is more than \$50,000. Your Vet Partner support will help provide the highest level of physical and emotional care our Guide Dogs need to thrive and enjoy their work for many years to come.

Your support as a Vet Partner will help fund:

- Regular health check-ups for pups and dogs throughout their early years.
- Emergency care for our pups and dogs in training.
- Specialist care from vet physicians and nurses.
- Specialist veterinary surgery such as orthopedic or soft tissue surgeries.
- The highest quality daily vet supplies and medications.
- Expert advice on canine diet, exercise and care.
- Regular and ongoing care of our breeding colony.



Meet our Canine Facilities Team Leader

Janice Aldred

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Dog health is not just an important aspect of the working dog's life, its the foundation of their ability to perform their vital duties.

We aim to ensure our dogs and puppies are healthy, happy and ready for whatever their day brings. Vet Partners play an important role in ensuring we achieve this goal.”

Your level of support

More Australians are losing their sight than ever before. As the number of Guide Dogs increases, so too does the need for expert veterinary services. You are invited to help fund our specialist veterinary program by becoming a Vet Partner with an annual donation of \$10,000 or more.

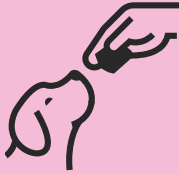
Vet report

Your generous gift will provide essential veterinary care for multiple Guide Dogs over the course of one year. We will share the impact of your gift through:

- Personal communication from our staff.
- An invitation to our annual Vet Partner morning tea.
- A personal tour of the vet facilities to see how your support is being put to work.
- An informative impact vet report prepared specially for Vet Partners.
- An exclusive opportunity to observe a surgery (limited availability).

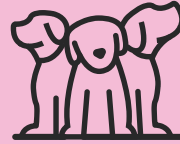


Your donation will help fund essential veterinary care for multiple Guide Dogs over the course of one year, covering costs such as:



\$10,000

funds any special medications our pups and dogs may need each year



\$21,000

funds regular and ongoing health checks of our pups, dogs, and breeding colony each year, such as veterinary consultations, diagnostic testing including x-rays and CT scans



\$45,000

helps fund regular routine surgeries of our pups and dogs such as spaying, neutering and dental procedures



\$60,000

funds specialised and more complex orthopaedic and soft tissue surgeries

Each year Guide Dogs spends over \$300,000 on veterinary health & care of our dogs.

The breakdown of our veterinary costs are:

- \$234,000 general veterinary and nursing care which includes consultations for health checks, vaccinations and routine surgeries.
- \$15,000 medications.
- \$24,000 emergency care and treatments.
- \$38,000 other veterinary associated costs.

Total \$311,000



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I've never seen my children's faces. But my Guide Dog, Queenie, gives me the freedom to live my life with them and enjoy every moment.”

Beth, Remedial Therapist, Mother, Triathlete and Guide Dogs Client.



Frequently asked questions

How many dogs and puppies does Guide Dogs Victoria care for each year?

Our veterinary program cares for approximately 180 dogs and puppies each year.

Does the government help with Guide Dog expenses?

Guide Dogs Victoria receives less than 25 percent of its funding from the government. Not all of our Guide Dogs or their associated costs are funded by the government, which is why your support is so important.

Can I give more than \$10,000?

Of course! Any amount you'd like to give above the standard support level as a Vet Partner will be gratefully received and will directly support Guide Dogs' veterinary program.

Can I fund a specific piece of equipment?

As a group, Vet Partners fund the planned equipment needs of the veterinary program. Opportunities to fund unexpected purchases will arise from time to time. Our Philanthropy Team can provide additional information when advised by our canine facilities staff.

Is my donation tax-deductible?

Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.



To discuss your particular interests or for more information, please contact Tracey Pratt, Philanthropy Advisor on 0448 032 850 or traceyp@guidedogsvictoria.com.au

**Thank you for
your support
which enables
people with low
vision or blindness
to get around their
communities safely
and independently.**



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