



Pet Dog Adoption Application - Important Information

Thank you for your interest in adopting a pet dog from Guide Dogs NSW / ACT. Adopting a loveable Labrador from Guide Dogs is a big commitment, but one we are sure you will find much enjoyment from.

Guide Dogs NSW / ACT considers the breeding and placement of dogs in valuable community based roles, a serious responsibility. We aim to place as many of our dogs as possible across a variety of careers. On occasion, some dogs are deemed not suited to these roles. This could be due to factors such as temperament or health, so the dogs are more appropriately placed in a loving home as a pet.

Dogs available for adoption have been temperament, behaviour and health assessed by Guide Dogs NSW / ACT staff, and deemed unsuited to progress through Breeding, Guide or Therapy Dog programs. In these instances, the dogs are generally offered to their Puppy Raiser as the first point of call. However, there are times that a Puppy Raiser is unable to take on a pet, and this is when a dog becomes available for adoption.

There are a variety of reasons that a dog's temperament or health prevent them from progressing into a career program.

Temperament

- Dog is not confident in new environments
- Dog might be too energetic to be a Breeding, Guide or Therapy dog
- Dog might be too strong around distractions (other dogs, scents, novel objects) for a person with low vision or blindness, disability or other health condition(s) to manage
- Dog prefers a quiet and predictable routine, rather than the frequent changes that a Breeding, Guide or Therapy dog must thrive on
- Dog is not comfortable wearing equipment such as a harness or vest
- Dog has sensory sensitivities such as to noise or surfaces.

Health

- A history of ear or eye infections that requires ongoing management
- Diagnosed or highly suspected allergies (food or environmental)
- Diagnosed or suspected hip/elbow dysplasia with the potential to lead to early onset arthritis, which is not compatible with a working dog

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Cost and Kit

The cost of adopting a pet dog is \$2,500. Discounts may apply for dogs with considerable health or temperament concerns.

All dogs are desexed, vaccinated, up-to-date with preventatives, have a complete health and behaviour history, and come with a Pet Dog Kit which includes:

- 1 bag of Advance dog food (or other if required)
- 1 flat collar
- 1 martingale collar
- 1 lead
- 2 months of Nexgard Spectra (all round preventative)
- 1 toy
- Dogs folder with all paper work included
- Pet Dog Carer Handbook (hard copy)

All dogs will have also received before adoption:

- A final vet check
- Be freshly washed and have had its nails clipped

Pet Dog Adoption Process

- Profiles of all dogs available for adoption will be emailed to the email address you have provided. Please ensure your email address is accurate and advise Guide Dogs should it change. If you feel you are not receiving emails, please check your junk or spam inbox.
- If you would like to forward an expression of interest (EOI) for a dog that is available for adoption, simply email petdogapplication@guidedogs.com.au, state your name and the dog's name that you are interested in adopting.
- A staff member will review interested applicants. Applicants will be considered on a first come, first served basis, as well as best suitability to the dog. This person will be contacted to discuss the dog further and to arrange a meet and greet.
- Should you forward an EOI and are not successful, we strongly encourage you to continue to reapply until you find a match. However, we do not guarantee placement will be possible in all cases.
- By appointment only, dogs can be viewed at:
Guide Dog Centre (GDC)
1 Spinks Rd

Guide Dogs.

Glossodia, NSW, 2756

Please note this is by appointment only between 9.30am - 12.30pm and 3pm - 5pm Monday to Sunday (unless arranged otherwise).

- You are welcome to bring your own pet dogs along to ensure compatibility. To protect the safety of the colony on site at GDC, you will be asked to provide evidence of an up-to-date vaccination certificate. You must ensure that any dogs brought to GDC are in good health.
- Should your meet and greet be successful, handover of the dog will be arranged either on the day or at a time that suits.
- It is expected that an accepted dog will be collected within 2 weeks of offer.
- Please note, full payment is required upon collection.
- A 14-day trial is offered. Should you return the dog in that time, you will be refunded the cost of the dog with the exception of a \$100 admin fee.