

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 beyond their graduation as Guide Dogs for people with low vision or blindness across NSW and the ACT.



Becoming a Vet Partner is a unique way to support the Guide Dog program, gain a 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 a Guide Dog... 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.

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A Guide Dog needs to be at their best every day because someone is depending on them. Vet Partners play an essential role in caring for these wonderful working dogs.”

Dr. Caroline Moeser,
Veterinary and Breeding
Services Manager

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.

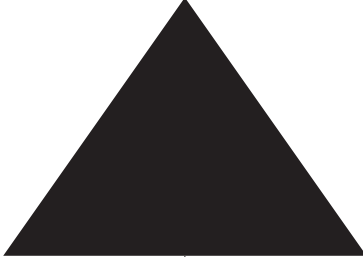
Your support as a Vet Partner will help fund:

- Immunisations and regular check-ups for dogs throughout their early years.
- Emergency care and surgical procedures.
- Specialist vet staff including physicians and nurses.
- The purchase of specialist veterinary equipment.
- The highest quality daily vet supplies and equipment.
- Expert advice on canine diet, exercise and care.
- Emergency veterinary care for Guide Dogs while living with Clients.

Meet the Vet Team

**Dr. Caroline Moeser, Veterinary
and Breeding Services Manager**

With more than two decades of vet experience, Caroline is driven by her compassion for animals and providing the dogs with the highest level of care.



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.

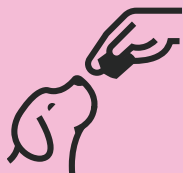
Vet Partner – \$10,000

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



\$10,000

provides essential dietary supplements for our breeding dogs and puppies each year.



\$21,000

funds specialised diets for puppies.



\$45,000

covers significant critical vet fees for working dogs whose Handlers do not have the funding to pay.



\$60,000

funds ongoing general replacement of equipment. The Vet Clinic currently requires an upgrade to their X-ray database (storing and sending of data).



“

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 NSW/ACT care for each year?

In 2023, our veterinary program will care for approximately 430 dogs and puppies.

Why do you have an in-house veterinary team?

Guide Dogs are bred with particular qualities which means they require expert and specialised veterinary care. It is therefore more efficient and cost-effective for us to maintain in-house veterinary facilities.

Does the government help with Guide Dog expenses?

Guide Dogs NSW/ACT receives less than 15 percent of its funding from the government. The rest is provided philanthropically through committed supporters like you.

Can I give a different amount to \$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 veterinary staff.

What sort of specialist equipment do the veterinary team need?

We have an extensive range of specialist equipment that requires ongoing maintenance or upgrading to provide our dogs with the best possible care. Some examples of this equipment include: surgical tables and lights, anaesthetic monitoring equipment, ultrasound machines, IV fluids pumps and dental scalars.

Is my donation tax-deductible?

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



To discuss your particular interests or for more information, please contact Millie Zhang (Philanthropy Advisor) on 0497 633 009 or mzhang@guidedogs.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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