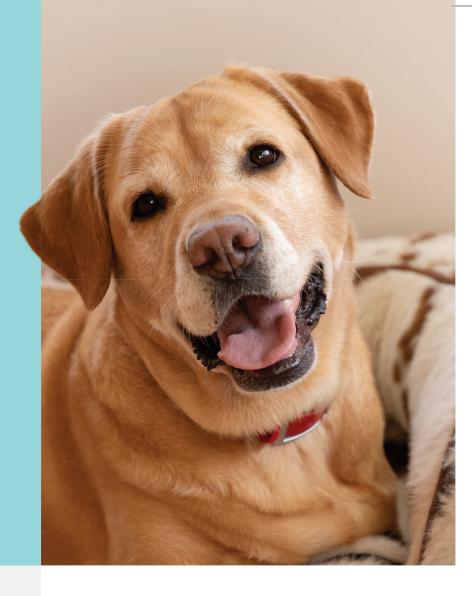# Guide Dogs.

Retired Guide Dog Program.

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After all they've done for you, you have this very special bond with them. You want them to be able to spend their retirement with you, in a familiar environment with the people that love them."

Guide Dog Handler, Elaine.

The bond between a Handler and their Guide Dog is like no other. Many Handlers describe their Guide Dog as an extension of themselves, and that connection doesn't just vanish when their Guide Dog retires.
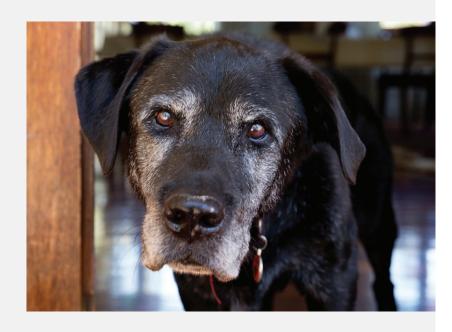
Many Guide Dog Handlers may find it difficult to pay for their dog's needs when they retire, as they are no longer supported by NDIS funding. With retirement comes an increased cost of food, vaccinations, potential surgeries, medicine, and general care.

Help support Guide Dog Handlers to keep their retired Guide Dogs. You can be part of this program by making a donation to Guide Dogs NSW/ACT.

Your support for our Retired Guide Dog Program will help fund:

- ✓ Primary sources of nutrition and food.
- ✓ Preventative and prescriptive medication.
- ✓ Veterinary expenses.

$10,000

Provides primary sources of nutrition and food, including specialised diets for each dog's individual needs and to support any health concerns.

$20,000

Funds preventative and prescriptive medication, including vaccinations and tablets to help keep retired Guide Dogs healthy and happy.

$60,000

Covers veterinary expenses, including emergencies and routine procedures as dogs age.

How it works.

Guide Dog Handlers or friends and family that house the retired Guide Dog can claim up to $1,000 each financial year of reimbursement for costs associated with maintaining the health and wellbeing of their retired Guide Dog.

Your donation will contribute to the financial reimbursement package for Guide Dog Handlers and their friends and family.

Do you want to support retired Guide Dogs and their Handlers?

Reach out to our friendly team at **yourimpact@guidedogs.com.au** or call **02 9412 9354** to make a donation.

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