



## Guide Dogs 2011

# Our people

### Our volunteers

- Volunteers are vital to Guide Dogs, we have over 10,000 volunteers
- There are over 50 different volunteering roles and our volunteers often carry out more than one. 10,000 volunteers carry out over 14,000 roles. These include:
  - Over 9,000 volunteers work with dogs in roles such as: boarders, brood bitch or stud dog holders, kennel assistants, puppy socialisers, puppy walkers and many more
  - Volunteer puppy walkers care for and prepare around 1,300 pups every year for professional guide dog training
  - Around 500 volunteers working as drivers, transporting people, dogs and equipment
  - Over 2600 people regularly help us fundraise
- Over 10,000 Guide Dogs' volunteers perform over £28 million worth of work a year
- Around 38% of Guide Dogs' volunteers donate 20 hours or more of their time per week
- Last year we filled an additional 1,995 volunteer roles - new volunteers are always welcome
- In 2010 our branch volunteers raised over £3 million to enable us to offer more services and support to blind and partially sighted people

### Our staff

- We employ 1,200 members of staff located around the UK
- Our 84 Guide Dog Trainers are based at our four Guide Dog Training Schools in Atherton, Leamington, London, and Forfar in Scotland. They teach dogs how to keep to the centre of pavements, avoid obstacles and stop at the kerbs and crossings
- Our 140 Guide Dog Mobility Instructors across the country complete the guide dogs' final stage of training, which is tailored to the owner's specific needs
- Our 58 Rehabilitation Workers across the UK provide mobility and other rehabilitation services to build a blind or partially sighted person's skills and confidence