

The cost of a guide dog

The full lifetime cost of a guide dog from birth to retirement is £48,500.

Here's what we spend to put a guide dog partnership on the streets:

Breeding guide dog puppies

£2,100

Puppy walking

£4,900

The puppy is house trained, taught basic obedience, familiarised with our busy world and taught to walk ahead of its handler.

Guide dog training

£14,400

This teaches the dog how to guide by walking down the centre of a pavement, avoiding obstacles, stopping at the kerbs and crossing.

Advanced training

£12,500

The guide dog is moved to the area where its prospective owner lives and has further training, tailored to the owner's specific needs.

Partnership training

£3,500

Guide dog owners are trained with their dogs at home or in a nearby hotel.

Supporting working partnerships

£11,100

This includes meeting all costs throughout the time dog and owner are working together, generally six to seven years.

