

Guide Dogs could change your life

Do you, or does someone you know, have sight loss that makes it difficult to get around independently or live life to the full? A guide dog could make a life-changing difference.

Did you know...?

- **A guide dog can offer a unique, safe and effective way of getting about independently and confidently.**
- **You don't need to have lost all your sight.** Most people who own a guide dog still have some vision. You don't have to be formally registered as blind or partially-sighted, either.
- **There's no upper age limit** – people of all ages can now apply for a guide dog. Young people through to people in their 70s, 80s and even 90s have become successful guide dog owners.
- **It costs just 50p to have a guide dog.** All essential equipment and training is provided by Guide Dogs, and we can also cover the cost of vet bills and dog food if people wish.
- **No previous experience of keeping or caring for a dog is necessary.** Providing you are committed and able enough to work with, support and care for a guide dog then our training will teach you all you need to know.
- **It's not just about improving your mobility.** A guide dog and its owner exist as a partnership, and the companionship, loyalty and fun that each partner brings to this relationship can be immensely rewarding.



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Or visit: www.guidedogs.org.uk/enquiries

Would you like to find out more?

Simply give us a call and we will arrange to come and talk to you, informally and confidentially, to help you decide if a guide dog might be suitable for you.

Our staff understand how severely people's independence can be affected by sight loss, and they can explore the best way of meeting your specific needs. If a guide dog is not felt to be suitable, they may be able to advise on other ways to help you maintain your independence and make the most of your existing mobility. Either way, there's nothing to lose and potentially much to gain by exploring all the options – so get in touch!



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