

CREATING A MIRACLE

SPONSOR A GUIDE DOG PARTNERSHIP

It costs **\$32,000** (excluding overhead) to breed, raise, train, and partner a Guide Dog with an Israeli who is blind – a two-year process that totally transforms a life.



Step 1: \$2,402 BREEDING OUR PUPPIES

We begin by selectively breeding puppies for physical and temperament traits required for guide dogs and qualities suitable to specific clients, such as size and speed. Mothers give birth and nurse their puppies for eight weeks at our state-of-the-art Whelping Center. Puppies undergo early enrichment and are exposed to light, sounds, and different surfaces. Specially designed play equipment help them develop coordination and agility skills.

Step 2: \$3,461 PUPPY RAISING

Volunteer puppy raisers – mostly university students – foster puppies for a year, providing socialization, obedience training, and lots of love. Our puppy managers supervise and visit each team monthly to check on the puppies' progress. During this crucial year, the puppies go to public places such as shopping centers and restaurants, public transit, and busy streets to familiarize them with situations they will encounter as guide dogs.



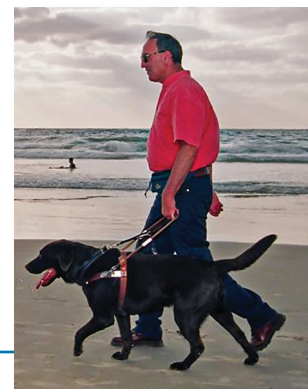
Step 3: \$15,570 GUIDE DOG TRAINING

When puppies reach approximately 14 months, they return to the Center for evaluation. Those that meet our high guide dog standards for physical and behavioral attributes begin an intensive four-to-five-month training program – using Clicker Training – to learn basic commands and complex skills such as avoiding obstacles, navigating in traffic, Intelligent Disobedience (refusing commands that may lead a person who is blind into danger), problem solving, and ignoring distractions.



Step 4: \$10,567 PARTNERSHIP TRAINING

We interview each potential client, then screen and match them with a guide dog to best fit their lifestyle and physical characteristics. Clients and their dogs undergo an intensive three-week training course by professional instructors and a staff psychologist while residing at the Center-- with daily training excursions practicing real-life situations from shopping malls to train stations. We also give an additional week of individual home instruction, so they learn to navigate frequently traveled routes together, including work, shopping, etc. We provide free follow-up care for the life of the Partnership.



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BUDGET

Guide Dog Partnership

I. Breeding Program (per dog)	\$2,402
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Reproduction Coordinator○ Veterinary Services○ Whelping○ Early Puppy Enrichment – on campus	
II. Puppy Raising & Dog Care Expenses	3,461
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Screening and interviewing puppy-raising families○ Training Supervision○ Food & Medications○ Leash, chew toys, etc.○ Monthly training – new lessons	
III. Guide Dog Training	15,570
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Evaluation and Selection of potential guide dogs○ Trainer Expense○ Harness, leash, whistle, and various supplies○ Clicker Training for important skills such as Intelligent Disobedience, Critical Space, Problem Solving, Traffic Skills, Curb Training, etc.○ Vehicle expenses for visits to clients & other agencies	
IV. Partnership Training	10,567
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Screening & selecting potential clients○ Matching dogs to clients○ Transportation to and from our Center○ Room & Board during training○ Laundry and Matron services○ Three-week intensive training course○ Additional week of in-home training○ Follow-up for the life of the Partnership	
COST TO SPONSOR A GUIDE DOG PARTNERSHIP	<hr/> \$32,000