



Israel Guide Dog Center

For 30 years we've been leading the way!

FACTS ABOUT ISRAEL GUIDE DOG CENTER



- **The Israel Guide Dog Center** is the only **internationally accredited** guide dog training center **in Israel** helping those living with blindness, PTSD, autism, or other conditions. We have placed nearly 1,200 dogs to date.
- Our main mission is to improve the quality of life of Israelis who are blind by providing them with **safe mobility, independence, and self-confidence** through the faithful assistance of Guide Dogs specially trained in Hebrew for the challenging conditions in Israel.
- We breed, raise, and train our dogs – using the most advanced techniques – and instruct our clients in working with and caring for their dogs. And we provide aftercare to both owners and dogs.
- We provide trained **PTSD Service Dogs** for soldiers suffering service-related trauma – helping to restore their peace of mind and ability to function. The IDF has recently asked us to increase the number of PTSD Service Dogs as the need is great.
- We provide **Emotional Support Dogs** to children on the spectrum or others with special needs. In Hebrew we call them “Kelev Chaver” which translates to “Buddy Dogs.” We also help people who have traumatic brain injuries, diabetes, and other conditions requiring the assistance of a dog.
- Throughout the COVID pandemic and even during strict lockdowns, we have continued to care for and train our puppies and dogs, and provided instruction and other assistance to our clients.
- The dogs are raised and trained in Israel, so they are accustomed to the **challenging conditions**— including security barriers, cars that park on the sidewalk, unusual traffic patterns, aggressive drivers, and warning sirens.
- We employ the **“Clicker Method”** in our guide dog training. Using only positive reinforcement, the Clicker Method cuts average training time while improving our dogs’ responsiveness and performance and strengthens the bond between our clients and their dogs.
- We consistently receive the **highest ratings from both GuideStar and Charity Navigator** for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. We have earned Platinum Status with GuideStar and 4-Stars from Charity Navigator for seven consecutive years!

- We have been awarded **The Midot Seal of Effectiveness**—Israel’s highest award to nonprofits—in recognition of the excellence of our financial management and our program in improving our clients’ lives.
- **Helping the most vulnerable:** Our program serves the most vulnerable populations. Most clients are economically disadvantaged when they first enter our program. Many were at or below the poverty level, 10% were single mothers, and 39% were over the age of 60. Many live alone.
- **Empowering Independence:** The extraordinary independence and mobility our clients gain with a guide dog or service dog empowers them to pursue educational and career opportunities, enjoy social and recreational activities, marriage and children – in short, life.
- **Nearly all our dogs go to people in need** as either Guide Dogs, PTSD Service Dogs or Emotional Support Dogs—and all are given good, loving homes. Our guide dogs over age 10 even get to enjoy a well-earned retirement—often with the volunteers who raised them or other dog-loving families.
- **CanVelo**, a subsidiary of Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind, pairs Israelis with vision loss with sighted volunteers in **tandem biking events** throughout Israel and other parts of the world. Join us for a ride during your next trip to Israel. We also have a Dragon Boat Team that competes internationally.
- We provide a **Mitzvah Education Program**—an in-school program for children here in the U.S., teaching them about Israel, the needs of the visually impaired, humane treatment of animals, and the importance of helping others. We have wonderful projects for Bar/Bat Mitzvah students.

"Julio brings joy to my life, and we will walk this earth together with confidence!" ~ Moshe B.

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