



*'Buddy for life'*



# Guide Dogs

SA/NT



## Guide Dogs SA/NT Bequest Charter

1. **We will always respect your privacy.** We recognise and appreciate that your Will is completely personal to you and shall be held in strict confidence and not publicly disclosed during your lifetime without your expressed permission.
2. **We also realise** that, rightly, your family and loved ones will always come first.
3. Because we are committed to making a difference to the lives of people living with disability, **we encourage you to leave a gift in your Will to Guide Dogs SA/NT.**
4. **We recognise that it's your decision** and you need to make it in your own time.
5. **We would love to know** that you have included Guide Dogs SA/NT in your Will so that we can discuss any wishes you may have. Of course, if you decide not to tell us, we understand your decision.
6. We act with integrity and will use your gift carefully and cost effectively so that it has the greatest impact for people living with disability. **We will handle your gift with care and respect.**
7. **We will give you the opportunity to be connected with the work we do,** that is made possible by gifts such as yours.

**We believe that all people with a vision or hearing impairment, and children living with autism, have equal rights with all other people.**

Guide Dogs is dedicated to helping people living with disability to reach their full potential and empowering them to live as independently as possible.

As Australia's Most Trusted Charity – voted for the last three years in a row, people can be assured that their donations are actually changing the lives of South Australians and Territorians with sensory disability.

Our work is not possible without the help of our generous “suppawters” and for that we **thank you**.

The Guide Dog movement in South Australia and Northern Territory began with the vision of Frank Beauchamp. Frank was the first President of Guide Dogs SA/NT and is still an active supporter today! We hope you will join the *Buddy for Life* program and help keep Frank's vision alive.

***The total economic cost of vision and hearing loss in Australia is estimated to be over \$40 billion per annum.***



**BEV  
and  
IGGY**

*“To ensure that the dogs  
can continue to be  
trained and help people  
lead more independent  
lives, I am happy to  
include a gift in my Will.”*



**Bev has been an active Guide Dogs supporter for many years. She loves the work Guide Dogs do and how much they improve the lives of people in her community. Bev proudly leaves a bequest for Guide Dogs.**

## Introducing the Buddy for Life Program

Thank you for considering Guide Dogs as a beneficiary in your Will. When you choose to support us in this way, please call our Fundraising Manager on 8203 8333 so we can recognise your gift in your lifetime and invite you to be a member of our *Buddy for Life* program, include you in Guide Dogs' events and invite you to Guide Dogs' presentation days at our Puppy Development Centre.

The *Buddy for Life* program aims to ensure we represent the reverence of your relationship with Guide Dogs. 'Buddy' was the name of the first Guide Dog ever trained, and with your generosity, we can continue to uphold Buddy's legacy and carry on with our work to improve the quality of life of people living with a vision or hearing impairment, and families of children living with autism.



**LEONIE  
and  
DESIREE**

*“Guide Dogs provides a great service, and they don’t charge a cent. This is great, because I would miss out if they did.”*

Leonie was diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa at age nine, and used a white cane in her late teens. However by the age of 29, Leonie had lost even more sight and feared going outside. Then Leonie received a Guide Dog and her life changed forever.



## Guide Dogs SA/NT

For 60 years, Guide Dogs has provided safety, independence and inclusion to South Australians and Territorians who are blind or vision impaired – giving them the confidence to enjoy many activities that most of us take for granted.

Most of our programs and services are provided free of charge to any person who needs them, although it costs in excess of \$30,000 to train a Guide Dog.

- Since 1997, we have supported Australians with hearing loss through hearing rehabilitation and training.
- In 2010 we launched the Guide Dogs Autism Assistance Dog Program to assist children living with autism and their families.
- More than half a million Australians live with impaired vision and with increasing rates of premature infant survival and a growing aged population, this will rise to around 800,000 by 2020.
- Furthermore, 1 in 6 Australians are affected by hearing loss and again, due to the growing aged population, this number is projected to increase to 1 in every 4 Australians by 2050.
- Guide Dogs SA/NT provides services throughout South Australia and the Northern Territory. While we have offices in Adelaide and Darwin, we provide services to regional and remote areas.

***With up to 60 pups and dogs entering training programs this year alone, we rely on your generosity for help.***



**SCOTT**  
*and*  
**ZELDA**

*“If it wasn’t for the help of Guide Dogs, blind people would be doing what we did in the 1800s – just sitting in a room, doing nothing. I’m thankful and glad that they have opened up the world for us.”*

Blind from birth, Scott is a bright 25-year-old who uses a Guide Dog called Zelda, as well as Global Positioning System (GPS) software that “speaks” navigational directions from his mobile phone. The software lets Scott know his location, while Zelda keeps him safe – and is good company, too!

## The magic of Guide Dogs

Pause for a moment and think about what you did today. You may have gone to the shops, met with friends, travelled to work or accomplished something around the house or garden.

Now imagine for a moment trying to do any or all of those things if you were blind.

The world would be very scary, where even the simplest activity is an apparently insurmountable challenge. You might be afraid to travel. Obstacles and dangers might prevent you from doing what you might otherwise choose to do. Your world may well retract into a lonely and dark place as the fear of these dangers and obstacles discourages you from living an active life.

What if that world suddenly opened up? How might your life change if all the things you wanted to do, but were too afraid to, were now possible?

And what if the key to unlocking this new world of opportunities went on to become your best friend?

**That is the magic that a Guide Dogs can make possible!**



**KRYSTEL**  
and  
**TEGAN**

*“Guide Dogs has helped, without patronising me – and that makes all the difference as I maintain my dignity and build my confidence. I am able to be a successful, independent woman with help from the staff and the wonderful resources they have to offer.”*



Krystal is a talented singer who lost her vision as a result of Bilateral Retinoblastoma, a form of eye cancer, when she was two-years-old. She received her first white cane and orientation and mobility training from Guide Dogs at the age of five. Training throughout her high-school years enabled Krystal to use public transport and gave her greater independence that has grown since training with Tegan.

## How we make it happen

A Guide Dog offers safety, independence and inclusion to someone living with a vision impairment. With the support of an instructor providing ongoing training throughout the average eight to ten year working life of each Guide Dog, our clients progressively develop the skills and confidence they need to work successfully as a partnership with their dog.

Guide Dogs offers unique programs and services tailored to each individual we work with. Each and every person living with a vision impairment have their own needs – their own level of vision loss, their own set of locations they want to travel to, their own abilities, needs, wants, fears and dreams. No two situations are exactly the same, so we work with each client to identify what they need and how best to make it possible.

As the originators of the innovative Autism Assistance Dog (AAD) Program, we focus on improving the quality of life of families of children living with autism. Our AAD program offers families three key advantages – safety, independence and inclusion – by providing a skillfully trained dog as well as training and support for the parents of the child.

We also commenced the Guide Dogs 'Pets As Therapy' Program over 20 years ago to fulfil the companionship needs of people who may be disadvantaged because of age, illness, disability or isolation.



**LACHLAN**  
and  
**GRADY**

*“Grady is very gentle with Lachlan, and even lets him lie on him! Grady stays by Lachlan’s side and acts as if he can feel Lachlan’s pain. He helps Lachlan forget about his aching bones.”*



Six-year-old Lachlan was born with Osteogenesis Imperfecta, a rare genetic condition known as ‘brittle bones’. The condition means Lachlan will always have a short stature, and will experience many bone fractures throughout his life. Lachlan now has a ‘Pets As Therapy’ dog called Grady.

## About our dogs

A huge amount of effort goes into matching the clients with just the right Guide Dog. We consider not only the client's lifestyle, age and travel needs but also the personality and guiding attributes of the dog. We teach clients how to look after their Guide Dog and how to work with them as a team.

At two-years-of-age following much intense training, newly graduated Guide Dogs start off knowing about 30 basic commands like 'left' and 'right' or 'find the door'. Obeying simple instructions (even under confusing conditions) and leading their owners safely around obstacles is the basis of the team partnership.

Each command has to be taught and understood. Each destination has to be learnt.

A Guide Dog's memory is amazing. Experienced dogs may have learned to find their way to a multitude of destinations with simple commands like "we are going to the office" or "take me to the shop".

The owner gains a new sense of independence and freedom. The dog has an interesting life, in a job that rewards intelligence and intuition – a job that dogs clearly enjoy.

Our contact with the client will continue throughout the Guide Dog's working life. Along the way, we take great pride and delight in watching the growing bond between the client and his or her Guide Dog. It makes all the hard work worthwhile.



LEIGH

*“Guide Dogs have been a great help to me. My long white cane has allowed me to continue to get around on my own. The use of GPS and the Talks program on my mobile phone boosts my independence and gives me confidence when away from home.”*

Leigh has always been a keen traveller. However, by the age of 60, even leaving his house was difficult due to the degenerative effects of Retinitis Pigmentosa. That’s when Leigh contacted Guide Dogs for help. He learned to use an ID cane, and then a long cane. Leigh can now continue his adventures safely and independently.

## **We teach mobility – our clients gain independence**

Our incredible Guide Dogs are the most widely recognised part of our work, yet they are just one of several mobility aids available to clients. In fact, Guide Dogs SA/NT provides a full range of orientation and mobility services. Many of our clients use a long cane, which helps them detect hazards in their path.

Clients are no longer limited to a traditional white cane. They can make a fashion statement with a choice of different colours, or use other types, such as identity or support canes, which may better suit their individual requirements.

We also offer electronic mobility aids, which include Miniguides that alert users to the presence of obstacles and objects, and the increasingly popular mobile-phone based technologies. Installed with GPS systems, reader and speaker software, these are often used in conjunction with a Guide Dog or a cane.

### **Our range of services and programs is broad**

Guide Dogs also offers Hearing and Sensory Services to our clients, as well as providing awareness and education to the community through our award winning interactive Discovery Centre.

Hearing Services provides support to individuals to effectively manage their hearing loss through workshops, support groups and resources.

Sensory Services supports people with complex needs including vision loss, hearing loss or both. Providing assistance for the challenging activities that individuals face on a daily basis, Guide Dogs offers tailored programs which minimise social isolation and improve quality of life.

Our Discovery Centre educates school and community groups by taking visitors through its interactive and innovative exhibits that simulate life with a vision or hearing impairment.

**JO, FRANK  
and  
TANGO**

*“As animal lovers, we believe the organisation does great work supporting their clients.”*



**Frank and Jo have been supporters of Guide Dogs for over five years. They have seen puppies being raised firsthand and have witnessed the work Guide Dogs do in the community. By leaving a gift in their Will, they are helping to ensure that this good work continues.**

## A bequest to Guide Dogs SA/NT

Bequests are one of our greatest sources of income. They are also the greatest commitment a supporter can demonstrate. Over the years, bequests have allowed Guide Dogs to evolve and to meet the growing demand for our services and programs.

Whether large or small, every gift is greatly valued because it will help make a real difference in someone's life.

It can be a daunting proposition to think of mortality and the importance of having a valid Will. However, having a valid Will is the only way to be sure that your wishes will be met.

**A Will should be regularly updated and reviewed and stored safely with someone you trust.**

When creating your Will, firstly provide for family and friends; then consider whether you can also include a gift to Guide Dogs. A charitable bequest can take a variety of forms including:

- Residuary** – the remainder of an estate after specific gifts have been disbursed
- Percentage** – a percentage of either the residue or the entire estate
- Pecuniary** – a specific gift of cash
- A specific asset** – real estate, shares, bonds or other particular items of value.

*(Residuary and Percentage are the most beneficial forms of bequest as they hold their value over time).*

***Vet checks, x-rays, medication and grooming costs a great deal for all our dogs.***



**RILEY**  
*and*  
**BLAKE**

*“The biggest change is that we can leave the house for a walk without any stress or fear of danger. It’s such a relief to know he is safe.”*  
*Nicole – Riley’s mum*



Six-year-old Riley has severe autism. His mum Nicole says that after one year with their Autism Assistance Dog, Blake, the difference has been incredible – not just for Riley, but the whole family. According to Nicole, the change from a non-communicative young boy who was afraid of dogs, to a more settled child who is happily connected to Blake, walks calmly next to him and plays with him, is phenomenal.

## A gift for the future

**If you would like to make a bequest, here is what to do.**

Firstly, discuss your intentions with your family or a friend, and then seek legal guidance. A Will is a legal document and should be prepared with the assistance of a trusted legal advisor or trustee.

Should you generously decide to leave a gift to Guide Dogs SA/NT, please contact the Fundraising Manager on (08) 8203 8333, or use the form at the back of this booklet and post it back in the envelope provided.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions, or need more information. All calls will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Guide Dogs SA/NT prides itself on keeping its administrative costs as low as possible, so that supporters' generosity goes towards helping train dogs and assisting people with impaired vision and hearing lead safe and independent lives. Rest assured that Guide Dogs' investments are managed prudently and effectively, ensuring our sustainable future. That's why we have been voted Australia's most trusted charity.



## Contact

For more details about making a bequest, please contact:

### **Fundraising Manager**

Guide Dogs SA/NT  
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Phone (08) 8203 8333

E-mail [bequests@guidedogs.org.au](mailto:bequests@guidedogs.org.au)

*“My involvement with Guide Dogs is something that makes me proud every day. I like the idea that in the future, my gift will continue to help people who have impaired vision.”*

**COLIN MARTIN**

*Bequestor*



## Form of Bequest

Please complete this form, tear it off and take along to your solicitor or trustee.

To avoid confusion and subsequent legal costs, it is essential that you use our official name: Guide Dogs Association of SA and NT Inc.

### Wording to use:

I give to Guide Dogs Association of SA and NT Inc.  
(ABN 91 183 168 093)

- The rest and residue of my Estate *or*
- \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my Estate *or*
- \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the residue of my estate *or*
- The sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

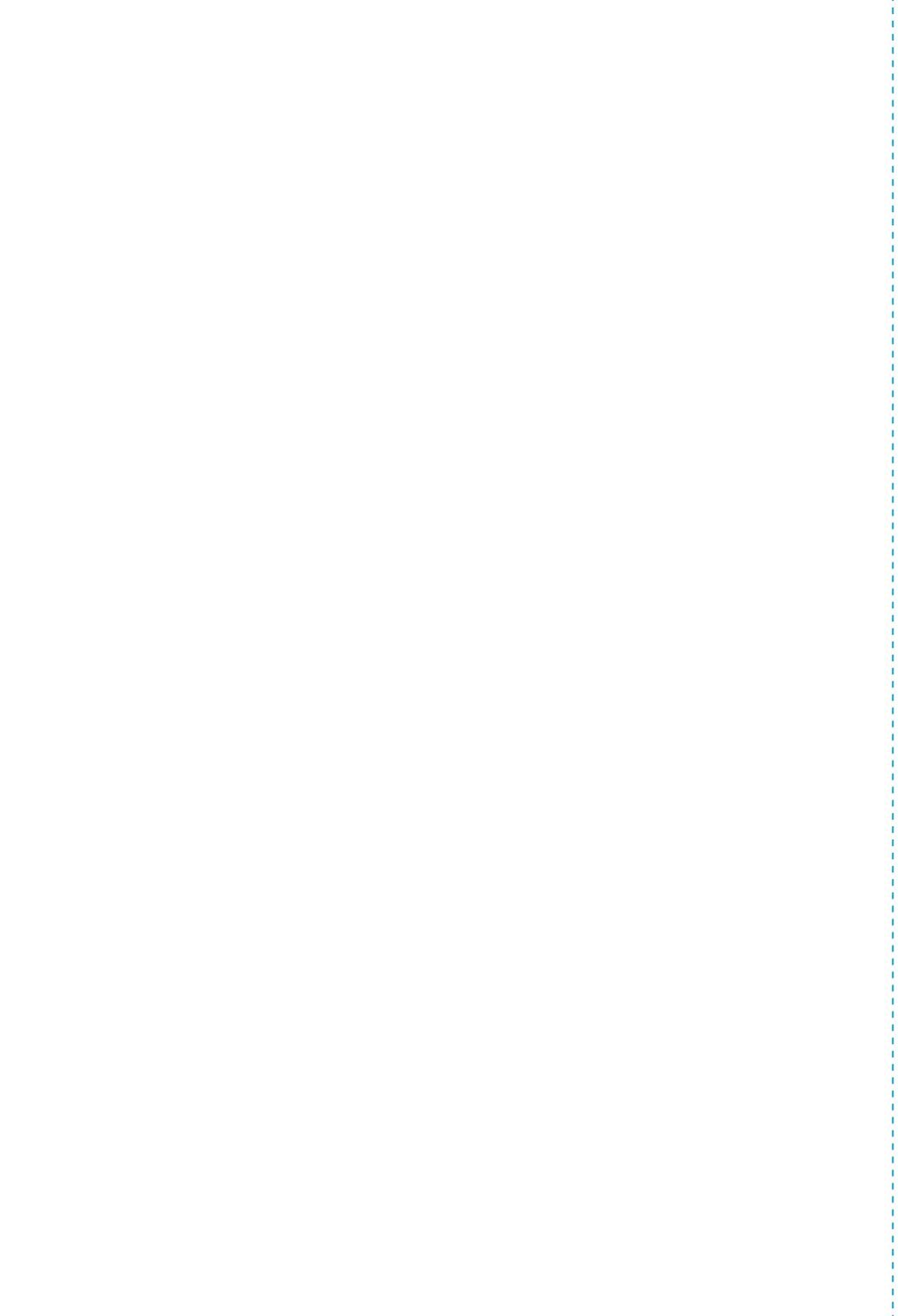
for its general purposes free of all duties and taxes payable upon or in consequence of my death and I declare that the receipt of its Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer or other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors for this bequest.

**Thank you**  
for your  
valuable  
suppawt.



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# Our Purpose

is to use our expertise  
with dogs and  
in sensory service  
provision to  
enhance the quality  
of life of people  
living with disability.



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