# **Guide Dogs For The Blind National Headquarters**

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Explore the vital work of the National Headquarters for Guide Dogs for the Blind, a leading organization dedicated to empowering visually impaired individuals. This central hub coordinates the training of highly skilled guide dogs and provides comprehensive support services, playing a crucial role in enhancing independence and quality of life for the blind community across the nation. Discover their mission, programs, and how they provide invaluable assistance dogs.

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## The Eyes that Lead

The author, a qualified guide dog instructor, describes the process of training a guide dog and its human partner.

### **Guide Dog Heroes**

True story of a guide dog, the history of guide dogs, and the training methods used to transform an ordinary dog into a canine hero.

### Origins of the Guide Dog Movement

If you see a guide dog in action you cannot help but be amazed at the incredible level of training that produces the perfect working animal. Follow the advice in this book and you will soon have a dog that you really can be proud of and you will be helping Guide Dogs For The Blind too. All royalties from the sale of this book go direct to the Guide Dogs For The Blind Association. You will learn all about breeding for temperament, the importance of socialisation, understanding the dog's mind, positive learning experiences and overcoming problem behaviour.

### Puppy Training the Guide Dogs Way

From the challenges of travelling when blind to becoming a parent for the first time, Kika & Me is the moving, heart-warming and inspirational story of Dr Amit Patel's sight-loss journey and how one guide dog changed his world. 'Inspiring and compelling . . . rekindles one's faith in human nature' - Andrew Marr Amit Patel is working as a trauma doctor when a rare condition causes him to lose his sight within thirty-six hours. Totally dependent on others and terrified of stepping outside with a white cane after he's assaulted, he hits rock bottom. He refuses to leave home on his own for three months. With the support of his wife Seema he slowly adapts to his new situation, but how could life ever be the way

it was? Then his guide dog Kika comes along . . . But Kika's stubbornness almost puts her guide dog training in jeopardy – could her quirky personality be a perfect match for someone? Meanwhile Amit has reservations – can he trust a dog with his safety? Paired together in 2015, they start on a journey, learning to trust each other before taking to the streets of London and beyond. The partnership not only gives Amit a renewed lease of life but a new best friend. Then, after a video of an irate commuter rudely asking Amit to step aside on an escalator goes viral, he sets out with Kika by his side to spread a message of positivity and inclusivity, showing that nothing will hold them back. 'An incredible story of courage, perseverance and, ultimately love' - Sun 'The most moving book of the year' - The Lady

#### Kika & Me

Recounts the events of September 11, 2001 as a blind man, trusting in his guide dog, escapes from the World Trade Center's north tower.

# Thunder Dog

Faith. Trust. Triumph. "I'm sorry," the doctor said. "He is permanently and totally blind. There is nothing we can do for him." George and Sarah Hingson looked at each other, devastated. Their six-month-old son, Michael was a happy, strawberry blond baby boy, healthy and normal in every way except one. When the Hingsons switched on a light or made silly faces, Michael did not react. Ever. "My best suggestion is that you send him to a home for the blind," the doctor continued. "He will never be able to do anything for himself." Forty-seven years later, a yellow Labrador retriever puppy was born in the whelping unit of Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, California. The puppy's name was Roselle. On September 11, 2001, she saved Michael's life. This is Roselle's story too. —From the Introduction Every moment in Michael Hingson's and Roselle's lives seemed to lead up to this day. When one of four hijacked planes flew into the World Trade Center's north tower on September 11, 2001, Michael Hingson, a district sales manager for a data protection and network security systems company, was sitting down for a meeting. His guide dog, Roselle, was at his feet. Paired for twenty-one months, man and dog spent that time forging a bond of trust, much like police partners who trust their lives to each other. Michael couldn't see a thing, but he could hear the sounds of shattering glass, falling debris, and terrified people flooding around him and Roselle. However, Roselle sat calmly beside him. In that moment, Michael chose to trust Roselle's judgment and not to panic. They were a team. Thunder Dog is a story that will forever change your spirit and your perspective. It illuminates Hingson's lifelong determination to achieve parity in a sighted world and how the rare trust between a man and his guide dog can inspire an unshakable faith in each one of us.

### Thunder Dog

Have you ever wondered what a guide dog does? How do they know to lead a blind owner? Can they understand traffic lights? Most importantly, how does the owner know where to pick up the poop? This memoir answers these questions—and more. It tells what guide dogs are supposed to do. They're smart, loyal and well-trained—but not all dogs are created alike. Musket is proof of that. He's definitely got a thing for treats and belly rubs. For the first time, the dog has his say. (Of course he needed a little help with the typing, since he doesn't have opposable thumbs. That's where author Mark Carlson came in. Still, Musket is the brains of the outfit.) Mark and Musket tell their story with humor, emotion, and Musket's occasional contradictions. And at the end of the day, Musket somehow manages to be a great guide dog too. Confessions of a Guide Dog was written so a wonderful, devoted dog could reach out to those who haven't been lucky enough to meet him. He'll make you smile, laugh, cry, and want to give him treats. This is their story. (And they're sticking to it.)

#### Confessions of a Guide Dog

Nancy Stafford presents an amazing story of her loving and caring pet. She has been keeping pets from a young age, from dogs to cats, and even horses. She currently works for Guide Dogs for the Blind National Headquarters, located in San Rafael, California. It has been over 34 years, helping dogs and puppies with their training so that later on, these animals can become guide dogs for the blind and visually impaired.

Guide Dogs for the Blind, Their Selection, Development, and Training

This title provides 101 facts about guide dogs for the blind.

Fire Angel Story of Roxie: From Puppyhood to Adult and Beyond

Ce livre trace un portrait de l'histoire des chiens guides pour les personnes ayant une déficience visuelle

## 101 Facts about Guide Dogs

TRAVELING BLIND is a deeply reflective description of coming to terms with lack of sight. It reveals the invisible work of navigating with a guide dog while learning to perceive the world in new ways. The author travels with Teela, her lively "golden dog," through airports, city streets, and Southwest desert landscapes, exploring these surroundings with changed sight.

## A Brief History of Dog Guides for the Blind

I thought I was applying for a guide dog; what I actually got was my life back.' So said a 35-year-old woman from Telford I met a few years ago. That's what a guide dog has done for the 4,500 blind and partially sighted people who have one. That is what my guide dog has done for me. The aim of publishing this book is to raise money for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. What you will find is a series of short stories, parodies, satirical pieces and limericks. The profits from this will go to help other visually impaired people enjoy the same freedom to get around as you and I have.

## Rehabilitation in the Victorian Blindness System

This fun and unique full-color book is a great way to introduce children to the world of a guide dog. Help educate your child while they have fun with Guide Doggie! Meet Guide Doggie when he is a puppy, then follow him on his adventures during guide dog training. Learn what a guide dog does during the day, including the chores he completes for his handlers in order to keep Guide Doggie ready to serve. Your child will learn how guide dogs help the blind live more independently, and how dogs can be heroes too! With narration of the book done by a guide dog each page is a fun an educational adventure for all ages.

# **Traveling Blind**

ÿ In the past 30 years the use of assistance dogs for people with various difficulties and disabilities other than blindness and hearing loss has developed enormously, thanks to the inspiration, foresight and hard work of a few key people. Dick Lane, now retired as a vet, has been closely involved in the charity Dogs for the Disabled since its foundation in the 1980s. In this fascinating and authoritative work, based on his own experience, on interviews with users of assistance dogs and from official records, he tells the story of the growing appreciation of the value of dogs to many people, from those with an autistic spectrum disorder (under the recent PAWS initiative) to tetraplegics.

# A Guide Dog Is for Life

A full-colour photo look at the breeding, raising, training and assessment of young guide dogs, and when they are matched with their handlers to become working guide dogs.

## Guide Doggie

People who cannot see need helpers to get around in daily life. Readers will learn how dogs are trained for this important work.

#### Paws Noses and People

Describes the selection and training of guide dogs and how they are paired with a blind person.

### Guide Dogs for the Blind

When John Tovey lost his sight at the age of 42, he thought his life was over. He was wrong, it was just beginning. John had followed a bad path drifting in and out of trouble. He was sent to improvement schools, a young offenders institute and eventually a prison. John was on self-destruct and thought nothing or no one could help him. Then he became the victim of a vicious attack by a notorious train 'steaming' gang. John knew he had to take the witness stand. He bravely gave evidence which helped put the men behind bars but just as he'd started to turn his life around for the better, fate dealt him another blow and John went blind overnight. He lost everything, his sight, his job and his home. Scared and alone, John asked for help and, thanks to Guide Dogs for the Blind, was introduced to a bouncy black labrador called Dez. Dez brought colour and light back into John's life and slowly he learned how

to live again. It was a partnership made in heaven and in 2012; Dez won the coveted 'Guide Dog of the Year' award. With his loyal dog by his side, John stepped out of the shadows and back into the light. A Dog Called Dez is the inspirational story of one man's redemption thanks to his fourlegged friend. It not only follows John's remarkable life, it also shares the moving story of how man's best friend taught him how to love life again.

## **Guide Dogs**

When I first explored what it would be like to become a guide dog user, it was like traveling to a strange land full of unfamiliar routines, feelings, nomenclature, and equipment. I wish this handbook had been available back then, but am so pleased that it has finally become a reality to help from this point forward. This concise and informative handbook answers questions not only for the prospective guide dog team, but also the general public. The introduction sets the stage with heartfelt accounts from multiple guide dog users. The handbook then covers it all, from filling out the first application to learning how to handle the myriad responsibilities of being the human part of the team. It is an accurate and comprehensive reference. It is also important for the reader to take note of how much GDUI supports us, especially during those times of access denial, in the wake of disaster, and in those instances of the retirement or death of a beloved canine partner. In conclusion, this is the perfect manual to support a partnership and path of independence. I hope you share it with your family, friends, colleagues, blindness and disability advocacy organizations, and other guide and service dog handlers. Ann Chiappetta, M.S. Author of Follow Your Dog: A Story of Love and Trust GDUI Life Member

## Guide Dogs for the Blind

A guide dog-in-training tells the story of her first year.

## **Guide Dogs**

A beautifully illustrated charming story of the transformation for Bev after she met her guide dog Henry.

# A Dog Called Dez - The Story of how one Amazing Dog Changed his Owner's Life

Twelve-year-old Diego has raised Aloha from puppyhood, but now he must return her to the guide dog school for her formal training. He always knew she was on loan, but letting her go is proving to be the hardest challenge of his young life.

# Functionality and the Needs of the Blind and Partially-Sighted Young People in the UK

In this intimate and honest memoir, Greenlee shares surprising lessons and adventures she encountered after the devastation of her sudden and profound loss of vision. She takes readers past the gates of Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, California, and into the 28 days of intensive training that's required to graduate with a guide dog. Surrounded by a supportive community of staff and students, Greenlee faces the bondage of her Confucian upbringing and finds freedom far beyond mobility with a guide dog.

## A Handbook for the Prospective Guide Dog Handler

Kathy Nimmer is an award-winning teacher, author, and motivational speaker from Indiana. In 2006, she won first place in the Helen Keller International Memoir Competition and published a book of poetry called Minutes in the Dark, Eternity in the Light. She received the Butler-Cooley Excellence in Teaching Award in 2004, is a two-time recipient of the Lilly Teacher Creativity Fellowship, earned National Board Certification in 2003, and was presented with the Golden Apple in 1998. In 2009, she was named a Lilly Distinguished Fellow, giving her the opportunity to pursue a lifelong dream, the fulfillment of which is Two Plus Four Equals One. Blind due to a rare retinal disease, Nimmer looks to her faith, family, and friends as cornerstones in her life. She enjoys working out at the gym, reading mysteries, following sports, adding to her perfume collection, and going for long walks with her third guide dog Elias. True, vibrant, honest, and emotional, eliciting compassion, joy, sorrow, and love, promoting understanding, acceptance, awareness, and hope. Here are over 100 stories and poems written by or about men, women, and children, all either with disabilities or connected to people who have disabilities. Joining them are Labradors, German Shepherds, Poodles, Papillons, Goldens, Shelties, Chihuahuas, and many other breeds, all trained to assist their disabled handlers. From blindness to deafness, from mobility issues to psychiatric needs, from diabetes to autism, the array of disabilities showcased in this

unforgettable book is as vast as the tasks performed by the canine partners. Your eyes will be opened to the strength, competence, and potential of both the human and canine participants in an alliance where neither partner is perfect but both together add up to an equation where two hands/feet/eyes/ears plus four paws equals one magical union.

## Meet CJ, the Guide Dog Puppy

Disability is neither strange nor distant. Part autobiography, part reflections of social advocate Cassandra Chiu's experiences as a person living with visual impairment, A Place For Us is the story of the first woman to be a guide dog handler in Singapore and the first Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum in Southeast Asia who happens to be blind. Cassandra's story starts with her growing-up years in 1980s Singapore, chronicling how her life unfolds with the onset of Stargardt disease, which causes progressive vision loss. From pursuing an education, navigating motherhood, to building a career as a psychotherapist, Cassandra openly discusses the attitudes towards disability and her journey towards true independence with her guide dog Esme. In inimitable frankness, A Place For Us offers an illuminating perspective of a person living with disability beyond the pity party of her life, and advocates for a more equal and sustainable future for people with disabilities. "This is one change-maker's voice that must be heard and amplified" - Dr. William Wan, the Singapore Kindness Movement.

#### Decisions and Orders of the National Labor Relations Board

"This admirable little puppy helps us to see past our busy daily lives and to focus on what's enduring and important. Guiding Eyes for the Blind enthusiastically recommends this work..." — Richard Abbott, Vice President Guiding Eyes for the Blind

## Along Came Henry

Describes the breeding, training, and work done by guide dogs for the blind.

# Guide Dogs for the Blind

Follows a puppy as she goes through the stages of training to become a guide dog for a blind person.

## Hello, Goodbye, I Love You

"The text opens with a true story of a service dog, and then it explains the history of service dogs and the training methods used to transform an ordinary dog into a canine hero"--Provided by publisher.

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