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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.

The Eyes that Lead

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

Puppy Training the Guide Dogs Way

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.

Kika and Me

The moving true story of Dr Amit Patel, who lost his sight in just thirty-six hours, and Kika, the guide dog who changed his world.

A handbook on the legal rights of handicapped people

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

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

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

Friendly and informative, this guide looks at the breeding, raising, training, and assessment of young guide dogs, as well as what happens when they are matched with their handlers to become working guide dogs. It explains how guide dogs are trained to make life easier for people who are blind or who can't see well enough to get about safely. Also described is the history of dogs that were trained to guide blind people from as far back as the early 1800s. Children also will meet several guide dogs in action and learn the stories of special dog and owner relationships.

Origins of the Guide Dog Movement

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

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.

Guide Dogs

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.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

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

Traveling Blind

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

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.

The Maryland Mystery Van Takes Off!

Considers. H.R. 14 and numerous related bills, to encourage aid program coordination among organizations for blind and protect rights of blind persons to join such organizations. H.R. 1855 and numerous related bills, to establish a National Advisory Committee for the Blind to study problems and needs. Focuses on blind educational and training needs and occupational opportunities.

A Brief History of Dog Guides for the 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.

Thunder Dog

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.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

When Rod Michalko's sight finally became so limited that he no longer felt safe on busy city streets or traveling alone, he began a search for a guide. The Two-in-One is his account of how his search ended with Smokie, a guide dog, and a dramatically different sense of blindness. Few people who regularly encountered Michalko in his neighborhood shops and cafes realized that he was technically blind; like many people with physical disabilities, he had found ways of compensating for his impairment. Those who knew about his condition thought of him as a fully realized person who just happened to be blind. He thought so himself. Until Smokie changed all that. In this often moving, always compelling meditation on his relationship with Smokie, Michalko probes into what it means to be at home with blindness. Smokie makes no judgment about Michalko's lack of sight; it simply is the condition within which they work together. Their partnership thus allows Michalko to step outside of the conventional-and even "enlightened"-understanding of blindness; he becomes not simply resigned to it but able to embrace it as an essential part of his being in the world. Drawing on his training as a sociologist and his experience as a disabled person, Michalko joins a still small circle of scholars who examine disability

from the inside. More rare still-and what will resonate with most readers-is Michalko's remarkable portrayal of Smokie; avoiding sentimentality and pathos, it is a deeply affectionate yet restrained and nuanced appreciation of his behavior and personality. From their first meeting at the dog guide training school, Smokie springs to life in these pages as a highly competent, sure-footed, take-charge, full-speed-ahead, indispensable partner. "Sighties" are always in awe watching them work; Michalko has even persuaded some of them that the Smokester can locate street addresses-but has a little difficulty with odd numbers! Readers of The Two-in-One can easily imagine Rod and Smokie sharing the joke as they continue on their way. Author note: Rod Michalko is Adjunct Professor of Sociology, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, St. Francis Xavier University.

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

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

Education and Assistance to the Blind

A groundbreaking look at the special bond between guide dogs and those who thrive with their help. From a pioneering guide dog organization comes the first book to explore one of the most profound and inspiring relationships between humans and animals. In *Trust the Dog*, the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation introduces readers to a group of extraordinary people who, thanks to their guide dogs, flourish in a world that assumes the ability to see. Among them are a brother and sister who lost their sight at a very young age and whose dogs essentially helped them grow up, a Serbian girl who fled civil war to find new hope in America, and a newly blind single father determined to keep his family together against all odds. Through their experiences we discover the astonishing team-work and devotion between people who are blind and their guide dogs, the intelligence and discipline that these animals unfailingly display, and the noble work of the nonprofit organization that for fifty years has been making it all possible. A heartwarming tribute to this unique relationship, *Trust the Dog* is sure to change how we think about man's best friend, and the possibilities of life without sight.

Paws Noses and People

Foundations of Orientation and Mobility, the classic professional reference and textbook has been completely revised and expanded to two volumes by the most knowledgeable experts in the field. The new third edition includes both the latest research in O&M and expanded information on practice and teaching strategies. Volume 2, *Instructional Strategies and Practical Applications*, contains detailed information in such as areas as the use of the senses in O&M; teaching O&M to different age and ability groups; the use of technology-based travel systems; and travel in complex environments. No O&M student or professional can afford to be without this essential resource.

Steady Hedy

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

The Two-in-one

Summary of Federal, District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia laws, designed to aid handicapped citizens of the Washington metropolitan area.

Guide Dogs

For many years, humans have been using dogs as tools to help mitigate disabilities and handicaps. Dogs can provide a number of invaluable services including medical alert, PTSD assistance, and mobility support. But the most prominent of these types of jobs is that of the ever important guide dog, raised and trained for the purpose of being a working partner to a blind or otherwise vision-impaired individual. These dogs are best known for being in a harness and striding ahead of their handler, keeping them out of danger and steering them clear of obstacles. Rejecting the standard method of obtaining a guide dog, the author, a blind woman, sets out on a quest to train her own dog as a guide. With a deep desire to combine her joy of dogs and her soul's need to come to terms with the most secret, never confessed, doubts about her capabilities as a blind person, she chooses Monty, a stray, who tries hard to become a respectable guide dog. Together they set out on a year long journey to find trust in each other and in themselves. The pair struggle to find their way, delighting in the triumphs

and trying not to be overcome with doubts they experience in the year leading up to the day Monty accompanies the author to work for the first time.

Traffic Laws Annotated 1979

'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.

Traffic Laws Annotated

Wonderfully illustrated heart-warming guide to all types of assistance dogs, including those which help the blind, deaf, disabled and elderly.

Trust the Dog

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

Foundations of Orientation and Mobility, 3rd Edition

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Meet CJ, the Guide Dog Puppy

"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

A Handbook on the Legal Rights of Handicapped People

This book is not only about guide dogs, remarkable as they are. It's each person's unique story of making peace with what has been called the Nation's Number One Most Feared Disability. As a sighted person reading this book, you may catch a glimpse of what it's like for the blind and visually impaired, and marvel at their tenacity and determination to overcome the adversities they have faced. If you are blind or visually impaired, you may find comfort, a sense of community, and possibly hope in the knowledge that others have gone before you into the dark and have found their way--some with patience, some with humor, some kicking and screaming, and some with delight. Each of these solitary journeys is unique, but they all have one thing in common a gift of dogs.

