

Bequests



Guide Dogs
SA.NT your eyes and ears

Guide Dogs SA.NT is recognised for providing high quality integrated services to individuals who require sensory support throughout South Australia and the Northern Territory and to families of children living with autism.

Our services meet the needs presented over the course of a lifetime, from children's services to study and employment, through to the transition to independent living and to ongoing support for older Australians.

If you've ever seen a Guide Dog or Autism Assistance Dog in action, you'll know what amazing animals they are.

Highly disciplined, skilled and dependable, they offer an enhanced quality of life for individuals with impaired vision and children with autism and their families.

Your help is crucial.

These dogs can change a life, but our programs receive no government funding so we rely on your generous support to make our work possible.

It costs in excess of \$25,000 and up to two years to turn puppies into highly skilled, trained Guide Dogs or Autism Assistance Dogs.

They start off as bouncy, energetic balls of fluff. It's the high standard of training that makes the difference.

Training of puppies starts almost immediately in the Puppy Development Centre, before they enter the loving homes of volunteer Puppy Raisers at approximately 10 weeks. Then, aged around 12 months, they come back to us as young dogs and begin intensive schooling.

This is when we teach them all the complex skills they will need in the future - and when the pups choose their career, be it as a Guide Dog, Autism Assistance Dog or Pets as Therapy dog.

They change lives, but such skills come at a cost.

Your help is needed to provide independence and mobility to people with vision loss, and safety and inclusion to children living with autism and their families.

The importance of a bequest – a lasting legacy.

A bequest is a gift and can be anonymous if you wish. It is an instruction contained within your will that specifically reserves part of an estate for a particular beneficiary. Bequests can be made in a variety of ways to reflect your specific wishes.

You can define personal assets such as shares, bonds, property, a fixed sum (legacy), or simply a percentage (residue) of an estate. Your bequest provides an opportunity for you to make a tangible and lasting gift.

It's a common misconception that only wealthy people leave money to charity when they die. The reality is that most bequests are made by ordinary, hardworking people who want to make a positive difference to their community.

At Guide Dogs SA.NT we could not provide the services we do without the generosity of these very special supporters.

Including Guide Dogs SA.NT in your will is just as easy as providing for your loved ones. And it can be as much or as little as you want. Every gift makes a big difference.

Leaving a gift in your will to Guide Dogs

We say thank you.

If you choose to make a gift in your will, you may of course also choose to remain anonymous.

However, at Guide Dogs SA.NT we invite all those who have confirmed a bequest to become part of the Guide Dogs SA.NT community.

You will receive regular updates and newsletters, as well as exclusive invitations to our special events.

For further information or to confirm that you have made a gift in your will to Guide Dogs SA.NT please contact us:

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Suggested wording of your Will

The following clauses are intended as a guide only:

"I, (legator) give to Guide Dogs Association of SA and NT Inc 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, Treasurer or other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

For a residual gift

"I, (bequestor) give _____% of my estate to Guide Dogs Association of SA and NT Inc for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of its Chief Executive Officer, Treasurer or other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors."

To effect a codicil

This codicil dated _____ is made by _____ of _____

You may use whichever clause best suits your wishes.

Your solicitor will provide you with assistance in this matter.