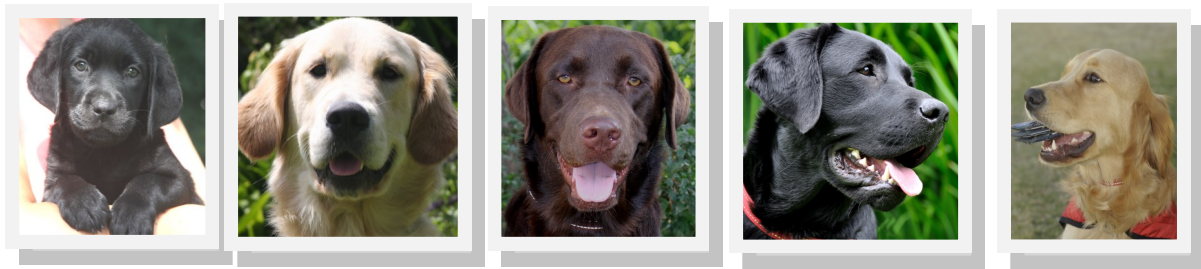


2015 WORKING DOG AND PUPPY SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION



South African Guide-Dogs Association for the Blind provides Independence, Mobility and Companionship to the differently abled community of South Africa by providing Guide, Service and Autism Support Dogs. Your generosity in sponsoring our dogs and puppies will enable them to become working dogs.

Breeding

Our working dogs (mainly Labradors, Golden Retrievers and a few German Shepherds) are bred from specially selected stock. Careful consideration is given to breeding a dog that is healthy and has a good working temperament.

Puppy Raising

This vital formative year is spent in the homes of our volunteer Puppy Raiser families. The pups attend special puppy socialising classes and they are exposed to many different environments and situations which will prepare them for their future role as a working dog.

Training the Working Dog

At one year of age the young dog's formal training begins. The dogs are assessed and enter the career path that best suits their temperament and abilities. Potential Guide Dogs are taught all aspects of guiding in a variety of natural environments. They will assist their owners to negotiate obstacles, locate destinations and travel safely on their daily routes. Potential Service Dogs are taught the basic tasks of push, pull and retrieve. They will assist their owners to open and close doors, fetch and retrieve articles and bark on command. Potential Autism Support Dogs help prevent autistic children from becoming distracted and running off. Many families report an improvement in their child's social interaction and overall wellbeing.

Training the Owner

The new owner will spend two weeks training with the working dog at our training centres in Gauteng and Cape Town. During this time the owner and the working dog are being taught what they need to know in order to work as a safe partnership.

Immediate Aftercare

An instructor will continue the training of the new working partnership for a further two weeks in the owner's home and work environments. The working dog will be introduced to family members, pets, colleagues and their local veterinarian. Regular contact continues, with a qualified instructor being only a telephone call away when help is needed.

Lifetime Care

We are committed to a lifetime of care for all of our dogs. We visit all working dogs and provide advice and assistance when necessary. If an owner cannot afford veterinary care, we will assist. As the dog grows older it is assessed for Potential retirement. Many working dogs remain in their original home when they retire, but if this is not possible then the dog is re-homed in a loving home.

Cost

The full cost of a working dog is approximately R80 000. With no government funding, we depend solely on the generosity of private individuals and companies who support the work we do for people who are differently abled.

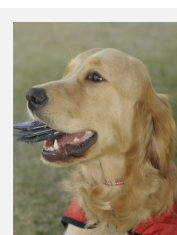
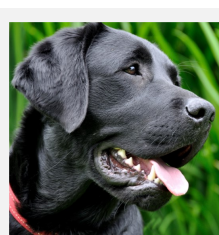
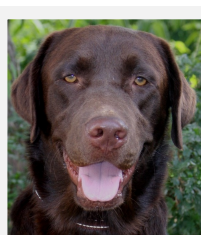
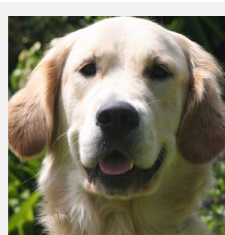
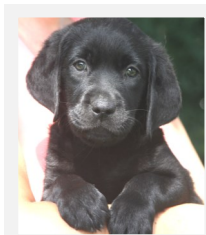
Notes

Please be aware that only two thirds of the dogs that are placed on the Puppy Raising Scheme will eventually graduate as working dogs. Some dogs are withdrawn for health or temperament reasons. If a sponsored dog is withdrawn we will replace this dog with a sibling or a dog of a similar age. Puppy, Bronze and Silver Sponsorships are part sponsorships towards the full training costs of approximately R80 000 and are therefore not exclusively allocated to one donor. Dogs that are chosen as breeding stock are deemed to have successfully qualified as a working dog.

Please note that visits from pups can only be undertaken in Gauteng and Western Cape. If sponsors are in other areas they are welcome to pre-arrange a visit to our Gladys Evans Training Centre in Johannesburg when they are visiting Gauteng.

Should you require further information, please contact: PieterV@guidedog.org.za, 011-705 3512

2015 WORKING DOG AND PUPPY SPONSORSHIP CONTACT FORM



Description	Amount	Please Tick
Puppy Sponsorship	R 5 000	
Bronze Dog Sponsorship	R 10 000	
Silver Dog Sponsorship	R 25 000	
Gold Dog Sponsorship	R 50 000	
Platinum Dog Sponsorship	R 80 000	

Donor Number : _____

Contact Name: _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

Postal Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Tel. No: _____ Cell no: _____

E-mail: _____

Special Requests: _____

Kindly email or fax this SPONSORSHIP form, as well as proof of payment to MoniqueB@guidedog.org.za or fax - 0865063364

Banking details: Nedbank

Branch Code: 198765

Account Name: S A Guide-Dogs Association

Account: 1522034498

Reference: Sponsor/<your name>

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