

Carer responsibilities

As a primary carer, can you answer **YES** to the following questions?

1. Are you able to provide lots of loving care and socialisation to a puppy?
2. Our pups cannot be left alone for more than 3 hours, will you be able to commit to this? (Our pups are permitted to travel with you to public places).
3. Do you have a warm and safe space inside your home where the puppy can sleep?
4. Are you physically capable of handling and walking a pup or dog daily?
5. Are you willing to complete background checks including a Police Check, Working with Children Check and Property Inspection?
6. Are you able to transport the puppy as required to training sessions, vet appointments or Seeing Eye Dogs headquarters?

Support you will receive from us

- All food & necessary equipment provided
- All vet and health care costs are covered
- Training material and in-person instruction

Your support can make a big difference in someone's life

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Become a carer for a future Seeing Eye Dog



Dina Jones, repeat Seeing Eye Dogs puppy carer



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Become a carer for a future Seeing Eye Dog

Could you take care of a future Seeing Eye Dog and make a difference to someone's life? Volunteer caring is a very rewarding experience and creating future Seeing Eye Dogs wouldn't be possible without the volunteers that participate in this life-changing program.

There are a number of ways you can help care for a Seeing Eye Dog during various stages of their development, such as:

- Puppy Caring
- Foster Caring
- Breeder Caring



Choose how you want to care for a future Seeing Eye Dog

1. Puppy Carer program

When you care for a puppy, you play a significant role in the development of a Seeing Eye Dog. The Puppy Carer program offers either full-time (12-15 months) or 6 month caring options.

Puppies live at home with their puppy carer from eight weeks old until 15 months of age.

Puppy carers are supported by expert Puppy Development Trainers. Your role as a carer is to provide a safe space, nurture and socialise the puppy. Seeing Eye Dogs covers all expenses including equipment, food, vet costs, puppy health care and training.

2. Foster Carer program

The Foster Carer program involves shorter term care of puppies at various ages, dogs in training, breeding dogs or graduated dogs that would benefit from a rest in a home environment.

Foster caring can vary in duration from one week to several months, depending on the dog's needs.

3. Breeder Carer program

Providing full-time care for a creator of future Seeing Eye Dogs is a special role. A small number of dogs join the Melbourne-based breeding program aimed at producing world-class pups. Being a breeding dog carer gives you the chance to care for a breeding dog in your own home and is a longer term arrangement, often over a number of years.

Please note:

The Carer program is not available in all States and Territories. Please contact Seeing Eye Dogs for more information.

To become a puppy, foster or breeder carer, please apply online at: sed.visionaustralia.org