

Carer Duties

As a carer you must:

- Ensure an adult is the nominated handler responsible for training your puppy and is available for visits from a Puppy Development Trainer Monday to Friday during business hours
- Be able to dedicate time to your dog and make sure it isn't left alone for more than three to five hours at a time (dependant on the dog's age and stage of training)
- Have a home and yard that is 'dog safe' and secure
- Provide adequate socialisation and consistent training for your dog
- Be able to transport your foster care dog between the Seeing Eye Dog facility and your home (dependent on location, in some situations Seeing Eye Dogs may be able to provide the transport)

Support you get from us

- Food
- Equipment
- Veterinary services
- Training material and in-person instruction

Become a Seeing Eye Dog carer and make a difference

Find out more

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Become a carer for a future Seeing Eye Dog



Become a carer for a future Seeing Eye Dog

This is your chance to take care of a future Seeing Eye Dog and make a difference to someone's life.

You'll get all the joy of caring for a dog at the same time as knowing you are doing something vital for people who are blind or have low vision.

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

Vision Australia offers several options from caring for our youngest pups (from 8 weeks old) to becoming a carer for an adult dog in the training or breeding program.

Victoria,
puppy carer



Become a puppy carer

Your pup comes into your care when it is about 8 weeks old and stays by your side for approximately one year. You will train it to walk nicely on a lead, be well behaved at home and around distractions, learn obedience commands and become socialised in everyday situations such as cafes and public transport.

As a puppy carer you'll get full support for training and care through regular home visits from a Puppy Development Trainer, group training and socialisation days.

Become a foster carer

Foster caring can be short term (from a few days to a few weeks) or long term (up to a month or more). Foster carers are required for pups, adult Seeing Eye Dogs and dogs in training across the country. Foster caring is vital as dogs benefit greatly from time away from kennels and the opportunity to interact in various social situations.

Become a foster carer for a dog in training

Dogs in formal training, between the ages of 18 months and 2 years, require care overnight and on weekends. During the day they will be in training with their Seeing Eye Dog trainer.

Breeder carers

A small number of pups join our breeding program, which is based in Melbourne. Becoming a breeder carer gives you the chance to care for a breeding dog in your own home and make sure your dog maintains the training it received as a puppy. You will also get training and support from a Puppy Development Trainer as needed. Your breeding dog will return to the facility for mating or if they are in season and when they give birth.

