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Huikuang Guide Dog School Taiwan





What is Guide Dog?



**Etiquette When Meeting
Guide Dog**



Guide Dog' s Life Journey



Challenges Guide Dogs are Facing





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What Is Guide Dog?



Guide Dog The Seeing Eyes

- Guiding people with visual impairment
- Calm, friendly
- Non-aggressive





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Training Principle

Expanding the
Safety Zone





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Why Guide Dogs?



Obstacle Avoidance
(safely & efficiently)



Target Finding
(seats, ticket gates,
service counters...)



**Providing support
and companionship
in daily life.**



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History and Development of Guide Dogs



During World War I, many soldiers lost their vision due to war-related injuries.

In 1916, the world's first guide dog training center was established in Oldenburg, Germany.





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- International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF)
100 member organizations from 33 countries.
18,678 active working guide dog teams worldwide.
- In Asia, Japan leads the development of guide dog services.
Guide dog schools have also been established in South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, and China to promote guide dog programs.



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About Huikuang

1991

With the support of former President Lee Teng-hui, the project was planned and organized by the Institute for the Blind of Taiwan.

1996

Huikuang Guide Dog Education Foundation was officially established.

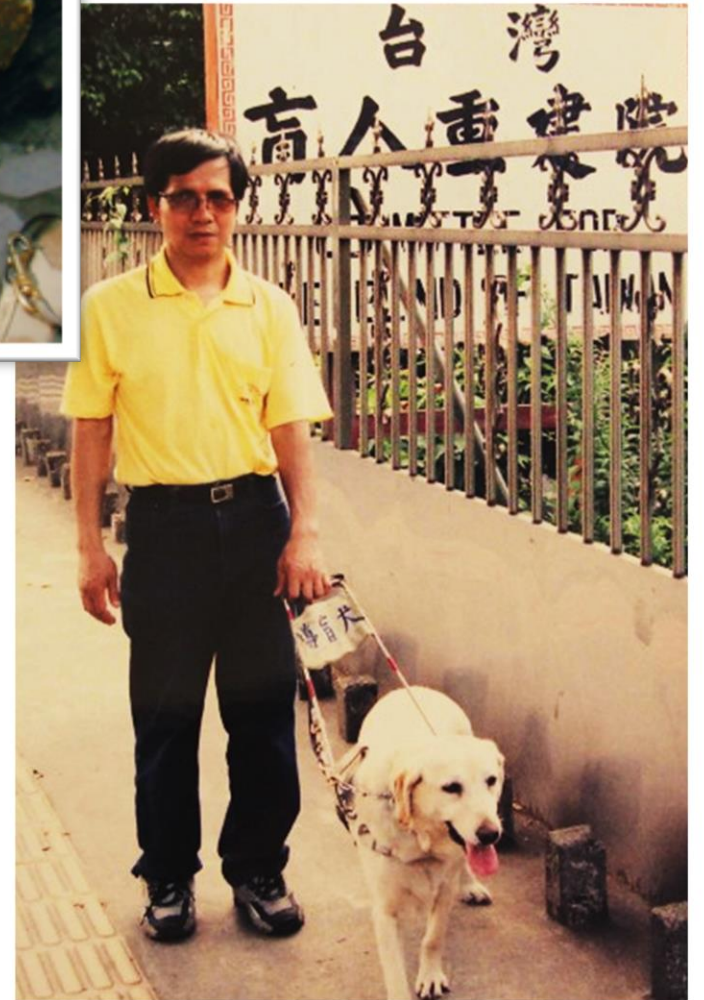
2006

Huikuang GDF successfully passed the assessment by International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF) and became IGDF full member.

Taiwan's First Guide Dog

In 1996, guide dog Aggie successfully graduated & started her service.

In 2004, the Legislative Yuan passed legislation to ensure guide dogs' access to public places.





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Huikuang's Ongoing Goals

1 Training qualified guide dog instructors and trainers.

2 Developing local guide dog breeding through international collaborations.

3 Advocating for legal protections for guide dog handlers and puppy raisers.





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Huikuang's Ongoing Goals

4 Providing guide dog consultation services & following up service to the GD handlers.

5 Promoting an inclusive environment for guide dogs.

6 People with visual impairments can apply for guide dog free of charge.





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Etiquette When Meeting Guide Dogs >>>

How to Identify a Guide Dog



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Blue coat
Breeding
dogs



Red coat
Guide Dog
Puppies



**Guide dog
harness**

Guide dogs in
training / working



**Identification
Card**

Issued by the Ministry
of Health and Welfare
(MOHW), Taiwan



The 4 Don'ts & 1 Question



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No calling



No feeding



No petting



**Don't refuse
guide dogs'
access to
public places**



**Ask the
visually
impaired first
before
offering
assistance.**



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Guide Dog-Related Legislation

People with Disabilities Rights Protection Act

Article 60

1

Guide dogs and guide dog puppies have the right to access public places, buildings, facilities, business establishments, and public transportation.

2

No additional fees may be charged, and access may not be denied or made subject to additional conditions.

3

Do not touch, feed, or distract a guide dog through sounds, gestures, or other actions.



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**People with
Disabilities
Rights
Protection Act**

Article 100

A person who violates Paragraph 2 of Article 60 shall be ordered to rectify the violation within a prescribed period. Failure to rectify the violation within that period may result in a fine ranging from NT\$10,000 to NT\$50,000 and a requirement to attend a four-hour educational session.





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Housing Act

Article 54

Housing users may keep guide dogs when needed to support people with disabilities, and such access may not be denied or restricted.

Article 56

Violators shall be subject to a fine ranging from NT\$100,000 to NT\$500,000.





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Road Traffic Management and Penalty Act

Any driver who fails to stop and yield when approaching a pedestrian crossing where a person with a visual impairment carrying a white cane or accompanied by a guide dog is crossing shall be subject to penalties.

Article 44, Paragraph 3

Motor vehicle drivers shall be subject to a fine ranging from NT\$2,400 to NT\$7,200.

Article 74, Paragraph 2

Motorcycle riders shall be subject to a fine ranging from NT\$600 to NT\$1,200.



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Guide Dog's Life Journey >>>





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Common Breeds of Guide Dogs

No.2
Golden
Retriever



No.3
Labrador-Golden
Retriever



No.1
Labrador
Retriever

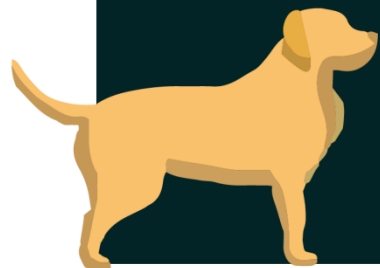




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The Guide Dog Journey

START



Breeding

**Guide Dog
Puppies**



**Puppy Raising
&
Socialization**

**Assessment
&
Formal
Training**



Most Suitable



Retirement

**Working Guide
Dog team &
Follow up**



**Class
Training**

Matching

Guide Dog Puppies

(birth to 2 months)
in puppy nursery



Puppy Raising

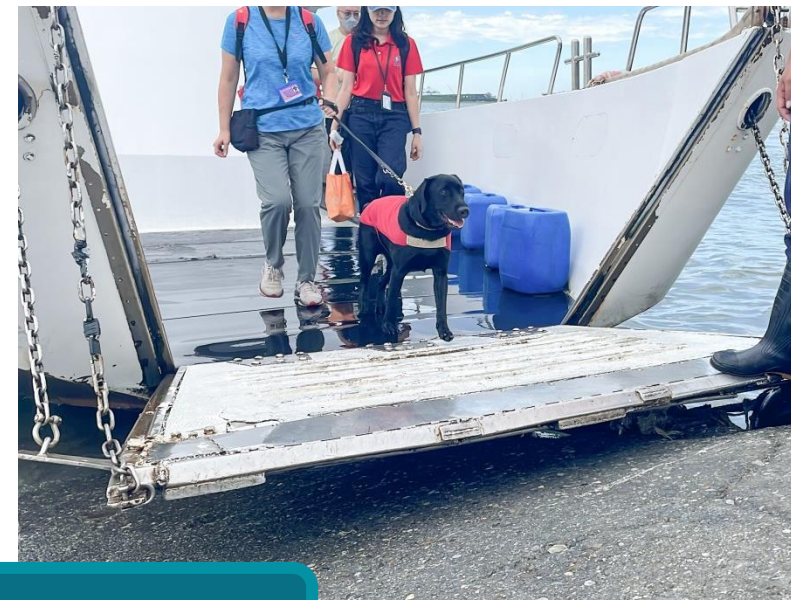
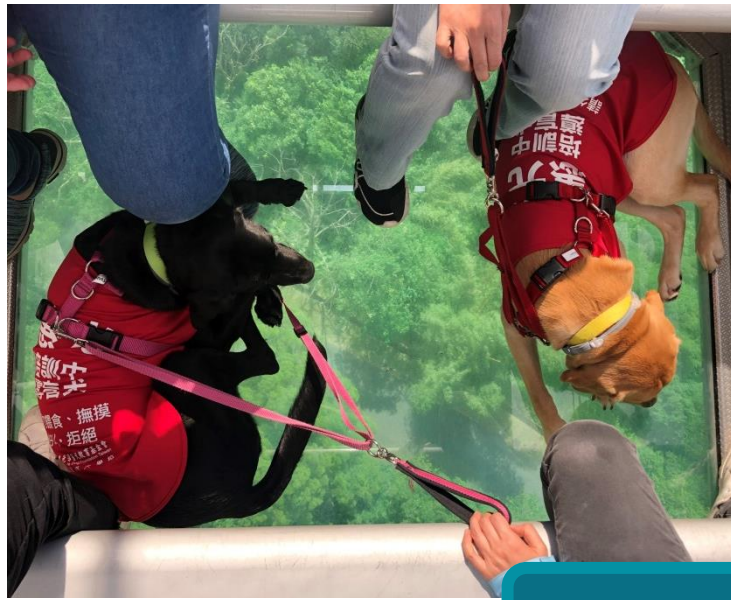


(2 months to 1 year)
by volunteer puppy raisers

Home Behavior

- Stay off furniture
- Toilet training
- No excessive barking
- No begging or stealing food

Socialization



Socialization



Puppy Raiser Requirements



- At least one adult available to provide full-time care for the puppy.
- No more than one child under the age of six in the household. (to ensure sufficient time and attention for puppy raising.)
- Have access to a car for transportation.
- Be willing to follow our training guidelines.



Formal Training

(1 year to 2 year)



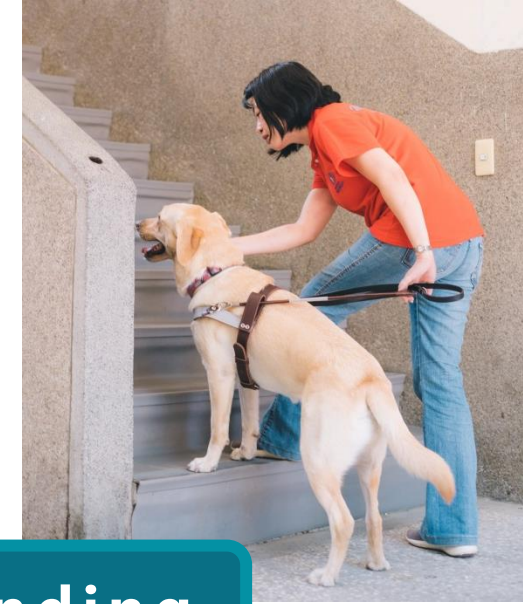
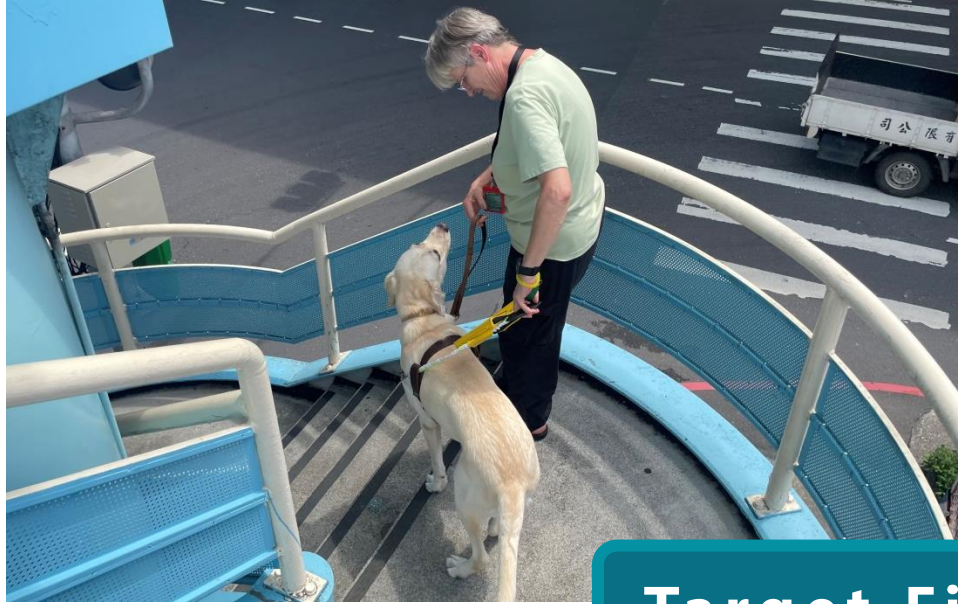
Mon-Thu:

Stay at the school kennel for training and care

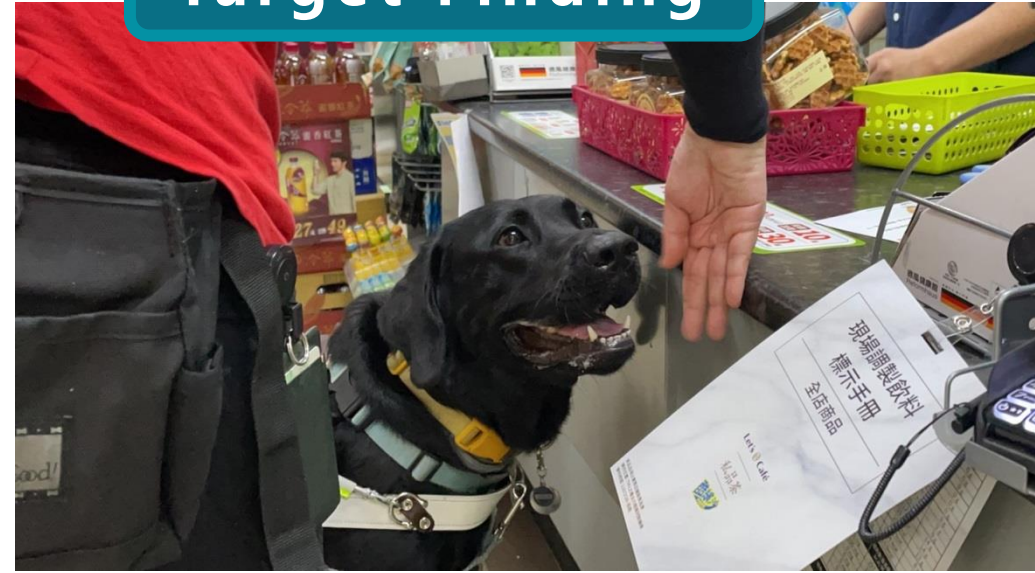
Fri-Sun:

Stay with a volunteer boarding family for home-based socialization

Obstacle Avoidance
Target Finding



Target Finding



Boarding Family Requirements



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- At least one adult available to provide full-time care for the dog.
- No more than one child under the age of six in the household. (to ensure sufficient time and attention for the dog.)
- Follow the scheduled boarding arrangement.
- Be willing to follow our training guidelines

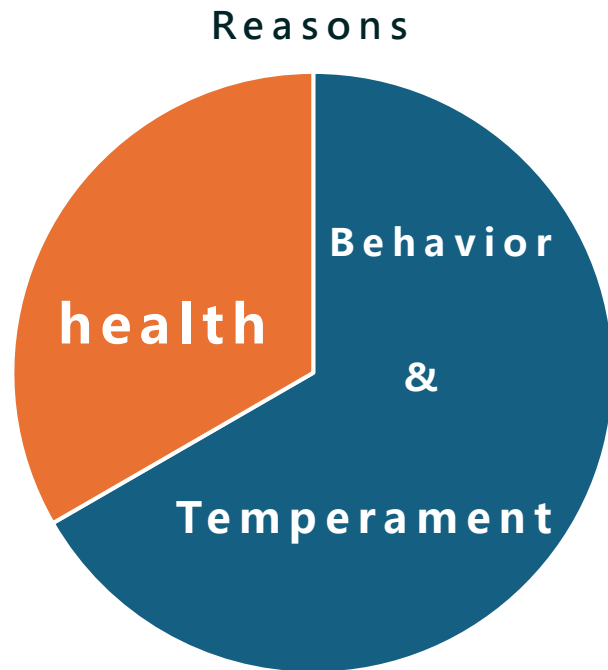




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Reasons for Withdrawal

Based on research from UK and US guide dog organizations:



Success rate



Guide Dog
Breeding Lines

Success rate



Non-guide Dog
Breeding Lines

Qualified, Working

(2 year to 10 year)



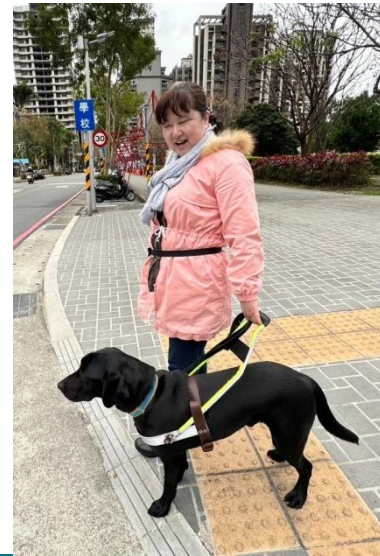
Matching



Class Training



Working Guide Dog



Retirement

(8 year to 10 year)



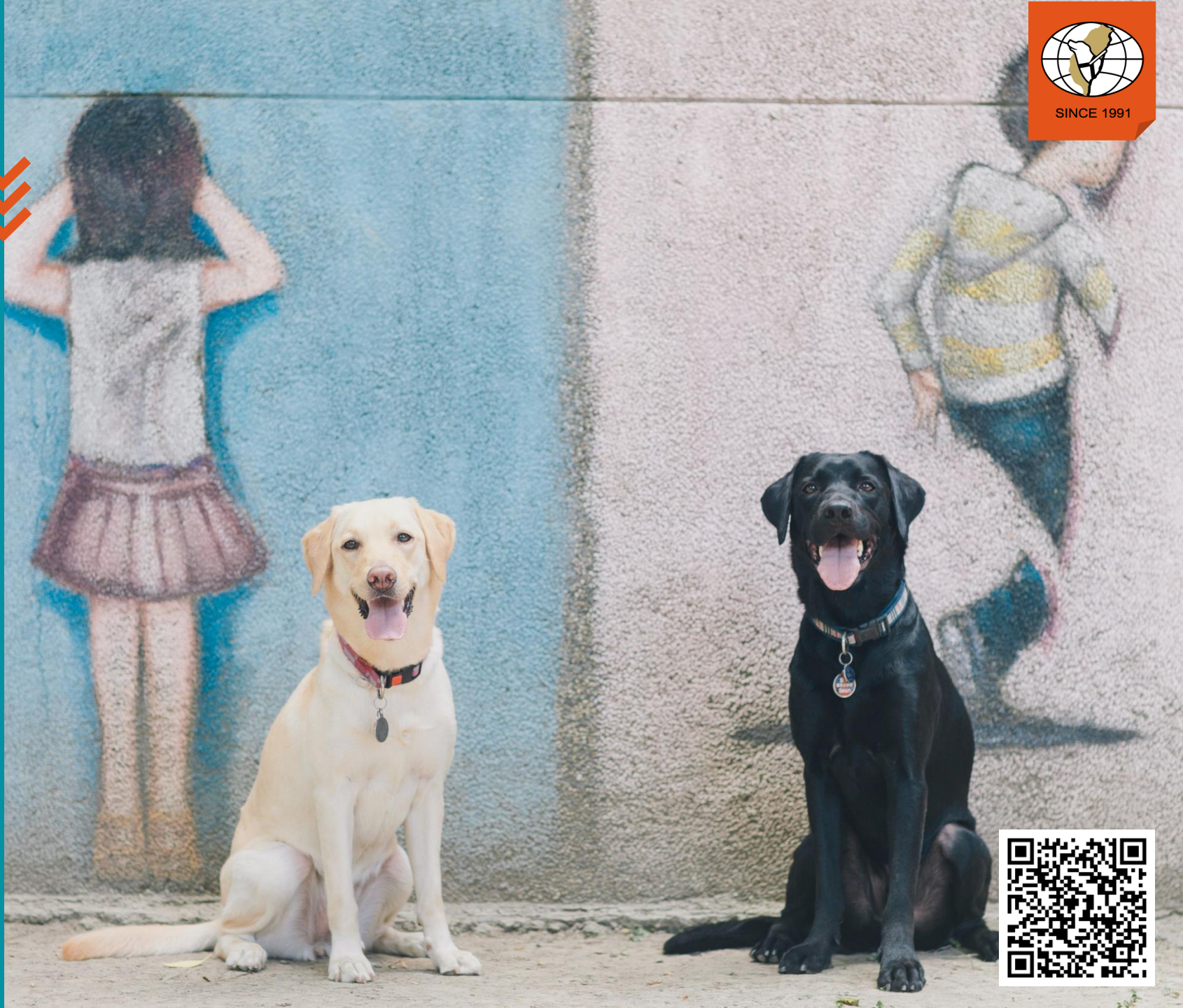
Adoptive Family Requirements



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- Love dogs and can provide patient, responsible care in a stable home environment.
- Support positive, reward-based training and are committed to treating dogs with kindness and respect. No physical punishment or abusive treatment.
- Welcome the dog as an indoor family member.
- Never keep the dog confined to a crate as its primary living arrangement.
- Unless unavoidable, never leave the dog home alone for more than four hours at a time on a regular basis.





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Guide Dog Breeding and Training Costs in Taiwan

Items	Cost		
	Breeding	Training	Working
Feeding / Nutrition	16,428	14,898	117,600
Breeding & Veterinary Care	126,260	38,460	-
Training / Equipment & Supplies	11,400	14,600	11,500
Transportation	14,100	82,300	100,625
Staff Training & Home Visits	131,400	158,400	129,000
Working & Follow up Visits	-	-	143,200
Kennel Operation	10,000	60,000	-
Public Education	18,000	12,000	12,000
SUBTOTAL	327,588	380,658	513,925
TOTAL	NT\$1,222,171 (Including feeding support during the first two years: NT\$31,326)		



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Challenges Guide Dogs are Facing

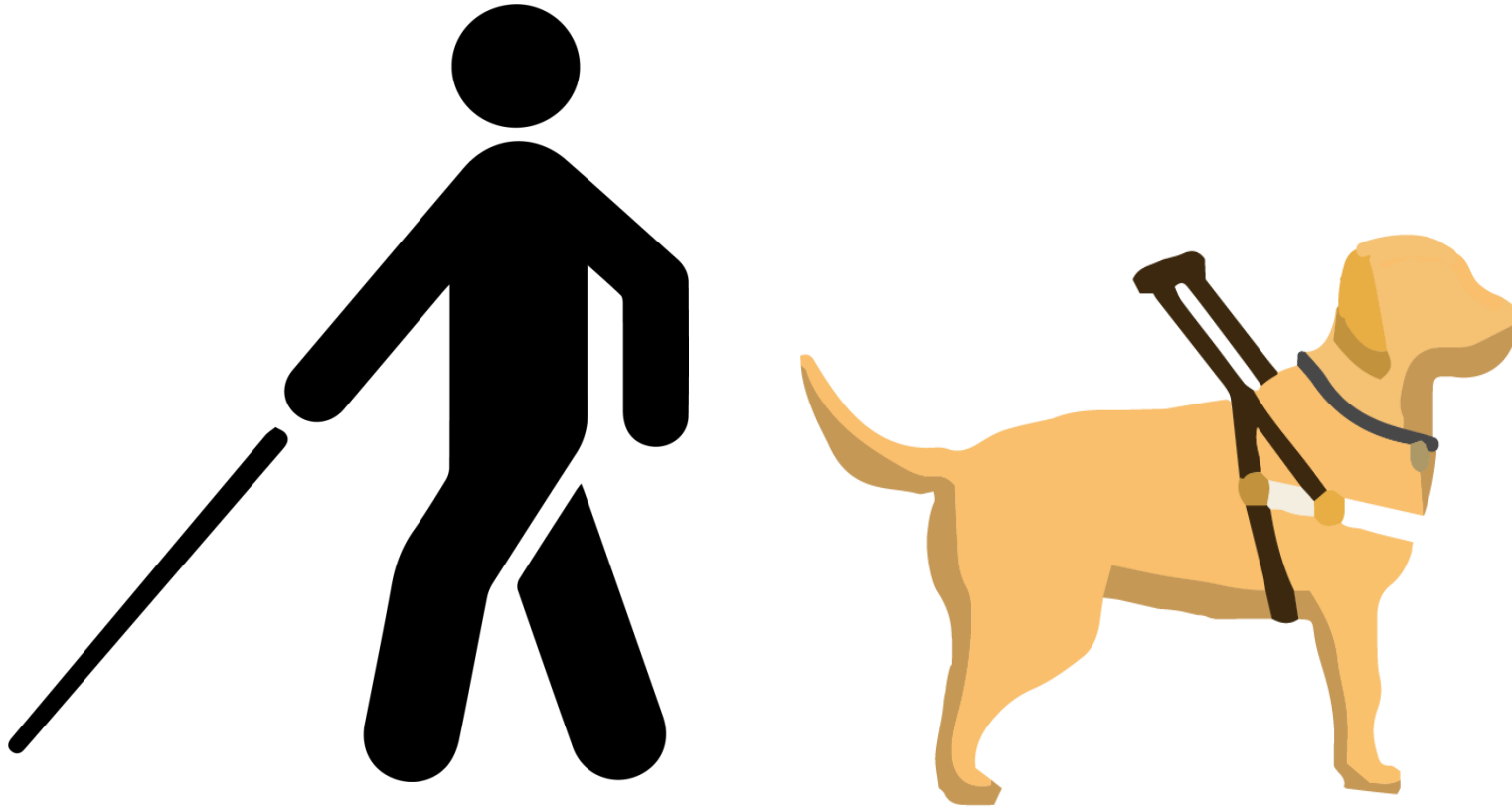




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International Experience:

Approximately 1 in 100 people with visual impairments may benefit from guide dog partnership.



100: 1



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60,000 visually impaired population in Taiwan

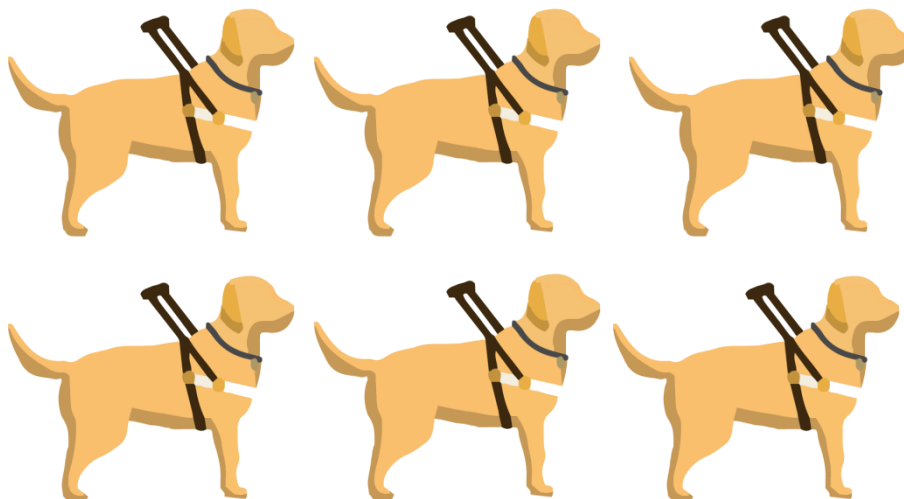


= 10,000

Estimated need: 600 guide dogs



= 100



Currently :
less than 30
certified
working
guide dog
teams.



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Why Is the Number of Qualified Guide Dogs so Limited?



- Complex environments for training & working.
- Limited volunteer families(puppy raisers & boarding families).
- Limited resource for guide dog training and services.



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Guide Dog Accessibility Improvement

Throughout the Guide Dog' life Journey, Huikuang identifies accessibility challenges and provides correct resolutions to the authorities concerned.





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When offering assistance to people with visual impairments, remember to:

Observe

Ask
first

Gently
touch

Guide

Describe





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How to Support Guide Dog



歡迎導盲犬、導聾犬、
肢體輔助犬及其幼犬進入
Welcome Guide、Hearing
and Assistance Dogs





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