

# Guiding Eyes for the Blind

- Internationally accredited, nonprofit guide dog school, established in 1954
- 7,000 graduated guide dog teams



*Guiding Eyes for the Blind provides guide dogs to people with vision loss, as well as service dogs for children with autism. We are passionate about connecting exceptional dogs with individuals and families for greater independence.*

# Training School

## Yorktown Heights, NY

- 10 acre facility, 45 minutes north of NYC
- 18 dormitory rooms
- Student amenities/common areas
- Kennel facilities
- Veterinary Hospital



# Student Amenities and Graduate Support





# Kennel Enrichment

- Designed to help our dogs reach their full potential by providing a combination of exercise and mental stimulation.
- Community Run
- Special Toy Game
- One-on-one time
  - In the run
  - Massage therapy
  - Day & foster care
- Lights out lunch
- Kongs \ ice blocks \ hanging toys



# Veterinary Care

- Two fully equipped veterinary facilities
- Two veterinarians, three licensed veterinary technicians
- Capabilities:
  - Routine care
  - Digital X-ray
  - Ultrasound
  - Soft tissue surgeries
  - Vet- MRI
- Lifetime follow-up support



# Canine Development Center

## Patterson, NY

- Purpose-bred breeding colony
- World-renowned cryogenics program
- Over 1,400 volunteers, from Maine to North Carolina and out to Ohio
  - Early socialization
  - Brood \ Stud fosters
  - Puppy raisers





# Relationship-Centered Training



Guiding Eyes puppies are exposed to a multitude of environments early in their development.

# From Country to City: Diverse Training Environments





# Diverse Training Styles



# Student Training Programs



- Residential Training
- Home Training
- Accelerated Client Training Option
- Special Needs
- Sights on College
- Guiding Heroes
- Running Guide





# Autism Service Dog Program



- “Lock up” or “anchor” to stop a bolting child
- Interrupts and can diminish unwanted behavior
- Connectivity
- High success rate with better sleeping, school function and less stress
- A positive use for sensitive Guiding Eyes dogs who want to work





- It costs over \$50,000 to breed, raise, train, and partner a Guiding Eyes dog with a person who is blind or visually impaired.
- Guiding Eyes receives no government funding. Our programs and services are only possible through the support of our friends.





**Thank you for your support!**  
**For additional information:**  
**[www.guidingeyes.org](http://www.guidingeyes.org)**