

Confidential Reply

If you have already included Seeing Eye Dogs Australia in your Will or are considering doing so, we are most grateful.

It would be helpful if we have prior knowledge of your planned generosity. Not only will this allow us plan ahead, it will give us the opportunity to thank you personally, and discuss with you how we will put your generosity to work.

- I have already included Seeing Eye Dogs Australia in my Will.
- I would like to discuss the possibility of leaving a Bequest to Seeing Eye Dogs Australia. Please ask your Bequest Officer to contact me.
- Please send me more information about the work of Seeing Eye Dogs Australia and how my Bequest can help.

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS

First Name: Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return this to us at the address below — or for more information please contact our Bequest Officer

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Your Bequest options.

After providing for your family, you can choose the following options for your Bequest to Seeing Eye Dogs Australia:

A residual Bequest

You may wish to leave the whole, or a proportion of the residue, of your estate to us. This overcomes the potential loss of value of your proposed gift due to inflation over time.

A percentage:

Many people share out their Estate to people or organisations. You can state a percentage for each one. This avoids Will re-making to compensate for inflation or possible changes in your Estate.

A gift of property:

Property in the form of real estate, jewellery, art works, antiques, stocks, bonds and shares can be willed to Seeing Eye Dogs Australia.

A specific cash sum:

This needs to be reviewed regularly to offset the loss of value caused by inflation over time.

Suggested wording for your Bequest.

When discussing a Bequest to Seeing Eye Dogs Australia with your legal advisor, we suggest the following wording for their consideration.

I give the whole / the residue / a percentage of my estate / the sum of \$ _____ (select as you feel appropriate) to Seeing Eye Dogs Australia for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper Officer of Seeing Eye Dogs Australia shall be full and sufficient discharge of this Bequest to my executor.

How you
can provide
the gift of
hope, dignity
and independence
through your Will.



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Thinking about your Will.

When making — or updating — your Will, we'd like to ask you to consider leaving a Bequest to Seeing Eye Dogs Australia.

People who are blind or vision impaired across Australia have been depending on our very special Seeing Eye Dogs for over 46 years. Our unique dogs provide an incredible gift of independence and freedom — something most of us take for granted.

At Seeing Eye Dogs Australia, we do not receive any Government Funding, so our work depends solely on the goodwill and support of people just like you.

In particular, we owe a sincere debt of thanks to our benefactors of the past — those who have remembered our organisation in their Will and whose generosity allows us to provide this valuable service.

By remembering Seeing Eye Dogs Australia in their Will, our blind clients, family, friends and supporters have been able to honour their memory — and their passion for our cause.

It's your opportunity to give.

Right now there are 480,000 Australians aged over 40 with considerable vision loss and **50,000 of these are legally blind**. Over the next 20 years, this number will increase to 800,000 with blindness expected to increase by 74% to 87,000 people over 40 years of age.

Seeing Eye Dogs Australia provides a lifeline to people struggling to overcome the challenges of blindness and serious vision loss — to them, our dogs offer the gift of hope and independence.

Helping us to provide services to those growing number of blind or vision impaired who turn to us for help each year is the ultimate, selfless gift.



Our Aim.

We are committed to giving blind or vision impaired people back their mobility and independence. We have been working towards this aim for the last 46 years, carefully matching people who are blind with their loving canine. By providing Seeing Eye Dogs and mobility training free of charge, we hope to make it easier for the blind to live and work independently within their communities. Our dogs not only care for their blind companions — they have the ability to liberate them.

We are trying hard to find ways to train an increased number of our very special dog guides. They can provide what we believe is a basic human right of every Australian — the right to independence and the right to move around freely and safely, wherever and whenever they want to. A Seeing Eye Dog provides all this, and more.

However, to be able to provide this service, it costs between \$25,000 and \$30,000 — and takes up to two years of intensive training — for one single Seeing Eye Dog to “graduate”.

Top of their class.

It takes more than a cute face to graduate as a Seeing Eye Dog. Only those dogs that have met the highest physical and temperamental standards are considered for our breeding program. Puppies stay with volunteer puppy carers for twelve to eighteen months to learn basic obedience and become socialised before returning to Seeing Eye Dogs Australia for six months of intensive full time university.

The final and most exciting step is matching a dog with a blind companion. Many blind and vision impaired describe meeting their Seeing Eye Dog for the first time as love at first touch.

Both are then trained together over a four-week period in our residential training facility or domiciliary, if special needs exist. This working partnership can have a lifespan of up to 10 years.



What is a Will?

A valid Will is a legal document which names the people and/or organisations who you nominate to receive your assets when you die. It also nominates your chosen Executor. Your assets generally include everything you own in your name, such as property, shares, bank accounts, household goods, personal effects and so on.

- Everyone over the age of 18 — regardless of the extent of their assets — should have a legal Will.
- People who die intestate (without leaving a Will) can cause unintentional emotional and financial hardship for those they leave behind. If you die without a Will, your assets will be distributed according to law. This means your entire Estate could go to very distant relatives or even to the Government.
- You can change your Will at any time. You should revise it periodically to reflect your changing circumstances.
- Your first priority when preparing your Will is to provide for the immediate needs and future security of your family. The balance of your estate after all provisions have been made is referred to as the ‘residual’. Many people look to this residual to provide a special Bequest to charity, like Seeing Eye Dogs Australia.
- If you already have a Will and wish to include a Bequest to Seeing Eye Dogs Australia, you should contact your legal advisor. If the request is reasonably straightforward, your legal advisor may suggest you simply add a codicil (addendum) specifying the terms of your Bequest.

