

## Welcome to BC & Alberta Guide Dogs Puppy Sponsorship Program!

On behalf of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs, thank you for your generous support of our Puppy Sponsorship Program. I am pleased to introduce you to our adorable little yellow Labrador, Red.

Red was born September 2, 2019 to proud parents Madison and Bert. His littermates also included five sisters (Stella, Zoey, Grace, Hazel and Kris) and one brother (Duke).

Red is a giant ball of love. He loves snuggling with his Puppy Trainer and adores lots of scratches. Red isn't selective about his toys – he loves them all! His favorite activity is playing outside in his backyard and chasing fall leaves.

Red has been placed with his carefully selected Puppy Trainers in Port Coquitlam, BC where he'll live until he is ready to embark on his advanced training adventures. During this time, he will receive ongoing training to ensure he has the best opportunity for success.

Red's new family includes two children ages eight and eleven. He'll be very busy traveling to and from their extra-curricular sports events and school. He has already adapted to travel in the family car and looks forward to receiving special attention from either the soccer, hockey or synchronized swimming team at their destination. Depending on the day of the week. Grandma will also assist with Red's puppy training. He will become the 'darling' of the family to be sure.

Red's training will familiarize him with crowds, elevators, escalators, construction and public transit wearing his BC & Alberta Guide Dogs Puppy in Training jacket. This jacket will give him access anywhere humans can go. He will learn to stop and sit at every curb, staircase and door, how to ring a bell when he needs to go outside and eat his meals once his Puppy Trainer blows a whistle. This is all part of the discipline training necessary to establish good behaviors from the start. Red will also attend obedience classes every two weeks with other puppies in the training program.

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We recognize that each puppy has their own personality and talents and not all pups are suited for a career as a Guide Dog or Autism Service Dog. Should Red not move forward in our training program, we will place him in a forever home that positively benefits his needs and the recipient's needs. We will then transfer your sponsorship to another puppy, often a sibling or a puppy of a similar age.

We look forward to sharing Red's training journey with you! As he grows, he will be sending you regular updates about how his training is progressing. We anticipate his graduation from the training program around the time he is approximately two years old. Throughout this time Red will be continually evaluated for his final career path as a Guide Dog for someone who is blind or visually impaired, as an Autism Service Dog for a child with profound autism or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Service Dog for a military or RCMP veteran with Operational Stress Injury.

Thank you again for your participation in this process – your support is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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