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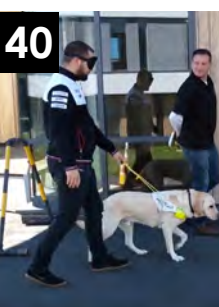
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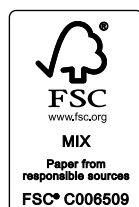
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Chief Executive's welcome



Since my last Forward greeting, my family have joined the puppy walker fraternity.

We've welcomed black labrador Dolly into our home and, by the time you read this, she'll be seven months old. I call puppy walking a fraternity because that's exactly what it feels like. We've met so many other puppy walkers everywhere – from the events I volunteered at over the summer, to the beaches of Cornwall on holiday. I've learned puppy walkers are brilliant at spotting another guide dog puppy from a distance! I've also learned that if you're on a fundraising stand, it's easy to attract people with one of our fantastic puppies – they just come straight over. Being immersed in such a tight-knit community is wonderful, and I'd encourage anyone who's ever considered puppy walking to go for it. It can be hard work, but so enjoyable.

So you'll appreciate that I now have even more

invested in ensuring that Guide Dogs is a great organisation to work and volunteer for. We refreshed our strategy over the summer, because we must do more to help the increasing number of children and adults living with sight loss and their loved ones. Called **'By My Side'**, this strategy will take us to 2023.

Please visit guidedogs.org.uk, or talk to your local team, to find out more.



Put simply, we want to provide more life-changing services – whether that's canine assistance and support services or services delivered in person, online or over the phone. Our ambition is to increase the number of our dogs in service from 5,000 to 7,000, and to take more of our 1,500 amazing puppies bred each year into a broader range of roles, alongside

expanding our core guide dog service.

We want to be there for people of any age from the moment they're diagnosed with sight loss, so we can help them and their families through this challenging time. To do this, we'll expand our skills and support services to reach more than half-a-million of our beneficiaries and their families each year.

To achieve this, we'll collaborate, listen and learn from those we help, work ever-closer with our inspirational volunteers, and partner with other organisations more widely. We'll ensure we're passionate about how we change lives and address the barriers for those we help. Lastly, we'll continuously improve on everything we do by embracing new approaches and technology while enhancing our skills and expertise.

We are also doing everything we can to address our immediate waiting list, as we gear up to expand to meet the increasing demand for our life-changing services.

As ever, you can follow me on Twitter: I'm @tomwrightuk.

With best wishes,

Tom Wright CBE
Chief Executive
Guide Dogs

Guide Dogs and Jaguar set the PACE



Guide Dogs' Policy Business Partner John Welsman and his guide dog Breck with Iain Suffield, Jaguar NVH Technical Specialist

Guide Dogs has been working with car maker Jaguar on the launch of their exciting new electric vehicle, the I-PACE, which has been fitted with an Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System (AVAS).

Guide Dogs has passionately campaigned on the issue of electric and hybrid vehicles as they are often silent to many vulnerable road users. Jaguar addressed these concerns by fitting their AVAS system on the I-PACE a year before European regulations which require all new electric and hybrid vehicles to emit a noise.

John Welsman, Policy Business Partner at Guide Dogs, said: "Myself and other guide dog owners tested the AVAS system and the feedback was all positive. Jaguar have ensured that it makes a noise while the vehicle is both moving and stationary and the drivers cannot pause or switch off the engine noise.

"As a guide dog owner, it's encouraging to know that an organisation like Jaguar has taken the initiative and considered the safety of vulnerable road users by fitting an AVAS system and working with us on the issue." For more about our work with electric vehicles, see page 19.

Another year of A Million Hands

Guide Dogs is delighted that what was originally a four-year partnership with The Scout Association, called A Million Hands, is being extended. Scout Groups have had so much fun supporting A Million Hands' six charity partners since 2014 that the association has given them an extra year to enjoy it.

This time, Guide Dogs is asking Scouts of all ages to help us open up the world of books and the joy of reading to young people with sight loss or dyslexia by supporting our CustomEyes® large print book service. If you have a connection to a Scout Group anywhere in the UK and would like to take part, you can find out more at guidedogs.org.uk/scouts or amillionhands.org.uk/resource.

STOP PRESS – A Million Hands has won the Community Award at the Charity Times Awards 2018. Congratulations to all the charities involved!



Celebrating four decades of volunteering for Guide Dogs

Everyone at the Sunderland and South Shields branch of Guide Dogs is very grateful to Margaret Offord for volunteering for the charity for nearly 40 years. Margaret has recently stood down as chair of the branch, having held the position for more than 25 years and working tirelessly to raise money and provide support to all members of the branch. Thank you for all your hard work, Margaret.



Nathan shoots for Tokyo 2020



England blind footballer Nathan Edge has his sights set on the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo. Accompanied by his new guide dog, Abby, Nathan takes the train once a month to the England training camp at St George's Park in Burton-on-Trent in Staffordshire.

Nathan, 24, and his teammates are put through their paces as they prepare for the qualification stages for Tokyo at the European championships next year. They need to win, or come runner-up in the tournament, to secure their place in the Paralympics.

An avid fundraiser as well as footballer, Nathan has raised more than £10,000 and named two guide dog puppies as a way of giving back to the charity that gave him back his independence. Good luck Nathan and the England squad, we will be rooting for you!

Betty clocks up six guide dogs... And 42 years!



Greenock resident Betty Stirling has celebrated 42 years of guide dog ownership this year, currently working with her sixth guide dog, Dusty. But Betty, 87, soon plans to hang up Dusty's harness and allow her a well-earned retirement. Betty said: "Without a guide dog, I couldn't walk along the pavement without tripping. Dusty highlights the many steps we must tackle to get out of the house to the pavement, and sits at the kerb so I don't trip. She's so patient and accommodates my pace."

Betty recalls not all her guide dogs have been so calm, as her third guide dog was a golden retriever/border collie cross called Jess. Betty's husband David, 97, said: "We used to say Betty had her skates on when she went out with Jess!" Luckily, Betty was a fast walker!

Betty and David ran the Greenock fundraising group for Guide Dogs for many years, hosting dances, meals and raffles. They organised group weekends away for guide dog owners, and Betty is also a volunteer speaker. Thanks Betty and David for all your volunteering for Guide Dogs!





Amit received a Points of Light award, which honours outstanding volunteers who are making a change in their community. Amit won for using his experiences with guide dog Kika in London to challenge public attitudes towards disability. In a personal letter, Theresa May said:

“You should feel very proud of how many people you and Kika have inspired with your online campaign that raises awareness of the exceptional assistance guide dogs provide.”

Amit described the award as an “honour and a privilege” and said: **“It all started with a desire to educate myself and those close to me and has ended up inspiring and empowering a huge community around the world, challenging perceptions of what ‘disabled’ looks like.”**

A shining example

Guide dog owner Amit Patel has been recognised by the Prime Minister for his awareness-raising and campaigning on behalf of people with sight loss.

Got it in one!

Congratulations to guide dog owner and golfer Haydn Callow for getting his very first hole in one over the summer. Haydn, who only has about five percent of his central vision left due to retinitis pigmentosa, was playing with 20 friends at Long Sutton Golf Club near his home in Somerset. Haydn has been playing golf for 45 years, and his current handicap is 21.

The shot, on the 175-yard-long 14th (par three) hole, was witnessed by Haydn’s three playing partners and his guide dog, Webster. Haydn said: “Not only was it my first hole in one, it was also my first ever eagle!

“I understand that there is a 12,500 to 1 chance of a sighted golfer making a hole in one, so what must be the odds for a registered blind golfer?”



Guide Dogs in the media



Huff Post UK featured a blog by guide dog owner, Paul King, in its series over the summer called **How It Feels**. The weekly blogs aimed to shine a light on the everyday stories of people who live with a variety of conditions, or who have

experienced traumatic events, covering subjects where voices are rarely heard. Paul's blog told how, before getting his guide dog Oscar, he had been too afraid even to open his front door. You can still read the blog by visiting huffingtonpost.co.uk/author/paul-king1.



Crown Prosecution Service senior prosecutor, Eran Cutliffe, was the star of two episodes in the Bafta-nominated **BBC 2** series, **The Prosecutors**. This observational documentary followed Eran (and guide dog, Lexi) over the course of

two years as she brought together two very different but equally complex cases. The first episode featured the case against a gang who used drones to supply prison inmates with banned items, while the second episode was about justice for victims of a modern-day slavery network.



The Daily Mail's website, **Mail Online**, and **Metro** online both ran features about Nicole Bottomley, who's based at our National Breeding Centre in Leamington, Warks. Nicole's official job title

is Breed Stock Supervisor, but both papers affectionately dubbed her 'puppy midwife', owing to the exceptionally cute nature of her work delivering some of the 1,400 guide dog puppies born every year.



In September, **Blue Peter** on **CBBC** caught up with Callum Stoneman and his guide dog, Iggy, finding out what the pair had been up to during the summer holidays. The show has been following Iggy since birth, and presenter Lindsay Russell

was heavily involved in her puppy walking. Callum and Iggy were also invited into the Blue Peter studio in October to celebrate the programme's 60th anniversary.

Star news

Some big names have been getting involved with Guide Dogs since our last edition...



When David met David

David Walliams met his very special namesake as we celebrated a landmark puppy. Yellow Labrador David is the 10,000th pup born since our state-of-the-art National Breeding Centre opened in 2011, and he was named after the popular comedian, actor, author and presenter.

The pup was 10 weeks old when he visited the Britain's Got Talent judge's north London home, and the pair got on famously. David said: "It's a huge thrill to have a guide dog puppy named David after me, I'm just sorry I don't have a more memorable name!

"Guide Dogs is one of the first charities you



hear about as a child and it's such a trusted charity. It's such a miracle that these dogs can be so helpful and change someone's life in such a dramatic way. Guide Dogs is an amazing charity and I have huge respect for the people who train the dogs. If you ever meet Simon Cowell's dogs, you know that some people don't bother to train their dogs at all!"

Matthew Bottomley, Guide Dogs' Head of Breeding Operations, said: "We know David is a dog

lover, and as an author he has supported our large print books for children with sight loss, so we felt he would be the perfect namesake for our 10,000th puppy. Our puppies change lives and David's charity work and his writing does too, so it's a perfect match!"

Manchester United player meets young football star of the future



In October, we released a heartwarming video featuring football-mad buddy dog owner Rainbow Mbuangi meeting his hero, Manchester United and England player Marcus Rashford. Called Meet A Hero, the video was designed to show the public how Guide Dogs ensures that no-one with sight loss is left out of life.

Rainbow loves training with Merseyside Blind Football Club and his ultimate ambition is to play for the England Blind Football team. The 15-year-old was born with no useable sight, but thanks to our support he developed the confidence to pursue his football dreams.

Marcus, who was joined in the video by fellow player Jesse Lingard, said: "It's an honour to be thought of as a hero but I think Rainbow's the real hero here. From what I hear he is quite the talent on the pitch and it's clear that nothing will get in the way of him pursuing his dream. I look forward to seeing him play for the England Blind Football team in the future."

You can watch the Meet A Hero video on our YouTube channel – [youtube.com/guidedogsuk](https://www.youtube.com/guidedogsuk).



On the campaign trail

Pavement parked in Parliament, door-stepping Downing Street, Transport Strategy success and campaigners creating change...

All year, we've been campaigning for safe streets and inclusive transport, so people with sight loss can get around safely and confidently. The Government published their Inclusive Transport Strategy setting out how they intend to create a transport system with equal access for disabled people by 2030. It mentions many of our priority campaign areas, including a pledge of £2million to support the roll out of Talking Buses.

This year has seen our campaign to end unsafe pavement parking go on tour. It's gone from Clutter Street, where we built a street in the middle of Parliament featuring a life-sized, pavement-parked car, to delivering more than 17,000 signatures to Downing Street and featuring in The Times. We also spoke to scores of MPs at the autumn political party conferences at our pavement parking (un)fairground.



One year ahead of new regulations requiring sound generators to be fitted in new models of quiet cars come into force, nearly 12,000 people called on car manufacturers to share their plans to make their cars Safe and Sound, especially for people with sight loss.

As well as talking to car manufacturers and politicians, we've been making change at a local level. We spoke to more than 70 councillors at the Local Government Association conference, advancing our work with local authorities to end illegal access refusals from taxis and minicabs for our Access All Areas campaign.

None of this would have been possible without people power. Our fifteen Campaigns Ambassadors have attended many important events, talking to decision-makers and the public about their experiences of sight loss and championing our campaigns. And our young campaigners group, Guiding the Future, launched their campaign to improve how shops assist people who are blind or partially sighted.

Bring on 2019!



Who's won a People Award?

The Guide Dogs People Awards was held in November to recognise our staff, volunteers and service users for their outstanding contributions. Congratulations to all the nominees and winners!

Overall Volunteer of the Year –

Anne Skinner

Anne's been supporting Guide Dogs for a phenomenal length of time and is currently puppy walking her 46th pup. A speaker and an active member of the Volunteer Voices group, Anne also manages to fundraise, devoting a huge amount of time to making goodie bags to sell. This dedicated volunteer is part of the planning and operations team at Badminton Horse Trials every year, staying from 8am to 7pm every day of the three-day event, and covering the cost of staying at a nearby hotel herself. Anne travels to meetings and talks to groups to share her knowledge and enthusiasm, and she also cares for a retired guide dog. Well-known in the Guide Dogs community, Anne is always interested to hear how the organisation is improving the lives of people with sight loss.



The volunteer winners in each category are:

- Dedicated to Superior Quality – **Emma Free** and **Simon Daws**, Forum Volunteers (Peterborough)
- Trustworthy – **John Cragie**, Driver and Boarder (Newcastle)
- Inclusive and Embracing – **Jackie Horton** and the Shakespeare's Puppies Team, Fundraisers (Central Midlands)
- Customer Focused – **Anne Skinner**, Puppy Walker (Exeter)
- Maximising Impact – **Alex Nealon**, My Guide (Liverpool)
- Passionate and Determined – **Glasgow Puppy Walking Mentors** (Glasgow)
- Volunteer Newcomer – **Alan Klates**, Speaker (Exeter)
- Younger Volunteer – **Ailsa Timoney**, Puppy Walker (Edinburgh)

Overall Staff Member of the Year –

Pamela Munro, Engagement Officer (Edinburgh)



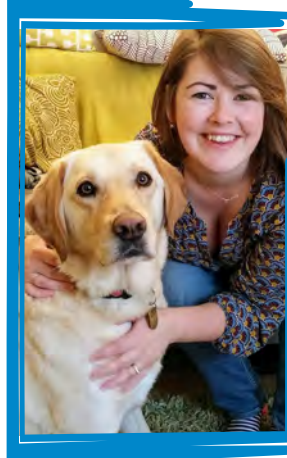
Pamela is making a real impact improving accessibility for guide dog owners, through speaking out publicly on access issues and training service providers such as shops and restaurants. She spoke wonderfully on a BBC radio programme outlining the rights of the guide dog owner,

what should happen, and the impact refusals can have. Her passion extends beyond supporting guide dog owners to her volunteers and her colleagues. Pamela is so kind and caring, always going out of her way to help with whatever she can.

The staff winners in each category are:

- Dedicated to Superior Quality – **Rhys Gorham**, GDMI (Sheffield)
- Trustworthy – **Mark Sanderson**, Head of Mobility Services (Reading)
- Inclusive and Embracing – **Ruth Wood**, Volunteering Consultant (Leeds)
- Customer Focused – **Sue Nicholson**, Dog Care & Welfare Advisor (Cardiff)
- Maximising Impact – **Carol Quearns**, Habilitation Specialist (Glasgow)
- Passionate and Determined – **Pamela Munro**, Engagement Officer (Edinburgh)

The service user winners in each category are:



Jessica Holland and **Stanley**

- Guide Dog of the Year – **Jessica Holland** and **Stanley** (London)
- Inspirational Guide Dog Owner – **Maggie Moore** (Reading)
- My Guide Partnership – **Anne Chapman**, **Elizabeth Berry**, and **Christine Noble** (Maidstone)
- Young Person's Achievement – **Ethan Hibbert** (Manchester)



Meet Callum – volunteer NAP Puppy Photographer



When you've worked hard to raise the money to name a guide dog puppy, receiving a photo of your pup when they're six-weeks-old is one of our Name a Puppy supporter's favourite moments. The enviable job of photographing these tiny little life-changers belongs

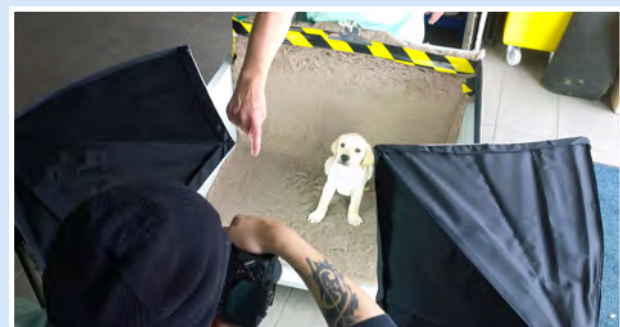
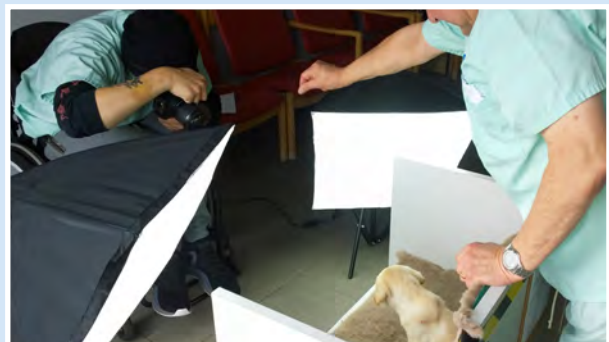
to Callum Cross, one of several dedicated photography volunteers working with the Name a Puppy team.

"The puppies are so cute but getting a six-week-old puppy to sit still is a different story," says Callum. "We make funny noises to catch their attention, and some of their facial expressions make you smile! To get that final adorable picture, I will usually take dozens of snaps.

"What attracted me to the role was that I could do something I love whilst helping

such an incredible charity. My family used to board guide dogs and visited the Leamington training school quite often."

So far, 4,262 puppies have been named through Name a Puppy, and its popularity is growing. We're incredibly thankful to everyone who has named a guide dog puppy. You are all life-changers!



Influencing the future

Our focus has always been to provide guide dogs and other services to people with sight loss. Now, over the next five years, we want to provide more, and a wider range, of those life-changing services. It means that the work of our Influencing team has never been more important.

One function of the team is to gather the evidence we need so that our services, policies and campaigns are relevant to people with sight loss, helping them get out and about on their own terms. The team also works collaboratively with private, public and third sector organisations, which means we can reach many more people with sight loss than we could on our own.

You can read more about two aspects of the Influencing team's work – technology on page 19 and campaigns on page 11. We caught up with three other members of the Influencing team to gain an insight into the work that they do.



Carl Freeman, Policy Manager



Carl manages the Policy team, who are responsible primarily for issues relating to travel and mobility, and access to services and the built environment for people with sight loss.

He and his colleagues also maintain

relationships with other organisations, for example RNIB, other assistance dog charities, and health and social care providers, and attends events such as the Visionary Conference. A core element of his and the team's role is to look externally in policy terms and interpret what developments in the

outside world might mean for Guide Dogs. For example, there's a Government-led move to combat loneliness and that has potential opportunities to promote our My Guide service, where volunteers are partnered with someone with sight loss to help give them the confidence to get out of their home and back into the community.

It's a role that he loves: "It's more than just a job," he says. "I want to make a real difference to the lives of people with sight loss, and that's what gets me out of bed in the morning."

Rachel Moxon, Canine Research

Associate

Rachel's research focuses on factors that affect the health, wellbeing and reproductive potential of our dogs. She describes one of the projects she has been working on: "Mastitis (inflammation of the mammary gland due to an infection) can be a serious problem in a few of our guide dog mums. Over a two- to three-year period, we looked at all possible causes – diet, temperature, environment etc – and the only difference we could find was in the size of the litter. Litter sizes were significantly larger in guide dog mums that developed mastitis. This means that we can be extra vigilant with these mums in future to help stop cases developing. We're now highlighting the importance of good hygiene for these mums and have also suggested that a mum with a smaller litter could potentially foster puppies from a larger litter."



Slavinka Potts, Research Analyst

Slavinka primarily works with data relating to our volunteers and those we support, which could be data within Guide Dogs (for example our internal databases), external data or, where none exists, conducting her own research to provide insights. The purpose of each project is to present Guide Dogs' management team with the facts that enable them to make informed decisions.



Currently, for example, she's looking at services for children with sight loss, what Guide Dogs provides currently, and any gaps. She recently ran some focus groups, part-sponsored by the RNLI, to look at how people with sight loss cope near seafronts. She's also completed a piece of work analysing interviews with guide dog applicants to identify whether sometimes a different kind of assistance dog might be an option.

"That's what I love," she says. "Every piece of work is different and it's amazing what you find out!"

The Influencing team covers:

- **Market and customer insight – to understand more about our service users and the environment we work in.**
- **Policy and campaigning – to work with commercial organisations and public bodies to help shape an inclusive society, where people with sight loss can take a full and active part in everyday life.**
- **Research – canine, orientation, mobility and wellbeing, and technology.**
- **Technology – to better understand how technology can help people with sight loss get out and about independently and to influence external technology providers.**



Agatha and Hannah's story

Agatha, a former theatre employee who loves the arts, was in her early 40s when she started having trouble seeing on darker evenings. After repeatedly bumping into objects at home, she decided to visit the doctor. She was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa (RP), which is the name given to a group of conditions affecting the retina at the back of the eye. The symptoms vary but, in Agatha's case, it gives her 'limited central vision with no peripheral vision' so she can't make out the details of people's faces – only the outlines.

Nearly 20 years later, Agatha has had to give up driving her beloved sports car as her vision has got worse – and she struggles to walk without a stick, following persistent back problems. She's experienced many difficulties using public transport

by herself and avoids going out at night. She admits: "It really used to upset me seeing the car parked outside because it would bring back memories of how I'd scoot around London in the MG."

Agatha also deeply misses being able to see the bright colours she loves, so she uses a colour scanner to help her pick out clothes and shoes, and label matching items. Despite this, she's determined not to let sight loss prevent her doing the things she enjoys.

The turning point was when Agatha contacted Guide Dogs in 2017, after her brother suggested that she apply for a guide dog to help her get out more. Justin from our London community team visited her to explain the process for getting a guide dog and what other services we offer.





Agatha recalls:

“The reality is, I wasn’t sure if a guide dog was for me, but I was surprised to discover Guide Dogs also offers the My Guide service. I really liked the concept of a sighted guide coming around every couple of weeks to take me out.

“Fran from the My Guide team came over to give me more information, and a month later, they said I’d been matched with someone. It all happened far quicker than I’d expected!”

After assessing Agatha’s needs, we provisionally matched her with My Guide volunteer Hannah, who was looking for a rewarding way to spend the time she gets off from work. Their first meeting was a great success and the rest is history!

“What interested me about the My Guide service is that it’s bigger and broader than just providing the guide dog for someone,” says Hannah. “I loved the idea of the social



interaction with a volunteer, and knowing I could make a real difference to one person's life."

Hannah visits Agatha every fortnight. They visit the cinema together, go clothes or jewellery shopping, and chat over lunch. With Hannah by her side, Agatha is now more confident travelling on buses and trains.

Agatha says: "The first time Hannah and I met, we hit it off straight away as we have so many interests in common, from football to politics. She also introduced me to a few shops that I didn't know about, as we both love a bargain.

"The My Guide service has enriched my life – I wouldn't be able to go to so many places if it wasn't for Hannah. She never makes me feel self-conscious about my lack of sight and I love her to pieces!"

Hannah has found the experience equally rewarding and says she's learned a lot from her new-found friend. She said: "When we're

together, Agatha likes to hold my arm, but she values her independence and doesn't let sight loss stop her from leading a full life. She's an inspiration."



Free training for the family and friends of people with sight loss

Those closest to a person with sight loss care about them the most, but sometimes feel helpless and often aren't sure how to safely and effectively guide their friends or family members.

Guide Dogs offers sighted guiding training free of charge to friends and family so they can better understand sight conditions and the challenges of getting about with sight loss. Those who have completed the practical training say that it is so useful, their trainer was incredibly friendly and the training itself helps them continue to support the changing needs of their loved one, even if they have been living with sight loss for some time.

"The friends and family training was great fun and gave my partner and children their first real understanding of vision impairment. My family now have the starting tools to help me get out and about and I have complete trust in them." Lisa, Nottingham

To find out more about My Guide Friends and Family training, visit [guidedogs.org.uk/myguide](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/myguide), email myguide@guidedogs.org.uk or call 0345 143 0229.



Making sure that quieter roads are just as safe for people with sight loss

The UK government plans to remove all petrol and diesel engine vehicles from the UK's roads by 2035. In their place will be electric vehicles, which will significantly reduce both air pollution and traffic noise to meet regulations.

Reducing the amount of fossil fuels used by vehicles and noise pollution will have significant health benefits for everyone, but people with sight loss have understandable concerns that electric vehicles are harder to hear. Guide Dogs is at the forefront of ensuring that electric vehicles pose minimal risk to people who are blind or partially sighted.

A couple of years ago, we successfully campaigned for the introduction of an artificial sound in all domestic electric vehicles when moving at lower speeds (as this is when they are harder for people with sight loss to detect). Along with other sight loss organisations across Europe, we succeeded in ensuring that all new electric vehicles must generate artificial sounds by the middle of next year. Jaguar Land Rover have gone one step further, introducing this feature on their new I-PACE full electric Sports Utility Vehicle back in July, one year ahead of its mandatory introduction (see page 6).

Guide Dogs isn't stopping there. We are continuing to talk to Jaguar Land Rover and other vehicle manufacturers, all of whom are developing electric vehicles and ever-increasing fleets of autonomous vehicles, to explore ways in which those vehicles can safely operate without posing a risk to pedestrians who have a vision impairment. One of the potential ways this can be achieved is through the introduction of pedestrian avoidance systems, which are being fitted to an increasing number of new vehicles. These systems are designed to automatically stop the vehicle if pedestrians step out in to a vehicle's path.



Guide Dogs' Policy Business Partner John Welsman and his guide dog Breck with Iain Suffield, Jaguar NVH Technical Specialist, and the new I-PACE.



The Jaguar I-PACE waiting at a zebra crossing as a guide dog owner crosses.

New friends put the fun in fundraising!



Elaine Perry's life changed dramatically when she was registered blind due to the eye condition retinitis pigmentosa. Elaine, who had always been a social butterfly, was left isolated and afraid to go out on her own.

But after being partnered with guide dog Ricky in 2013, Elaine was soon back to her old self, getting out and about and doing the things she loves. She was also surprised to discover a new-found passion for fundraising – and a whole new group of friends.

Elaine, from Wishaw, North Lanarkshire, said: "I've always been an active and sociable person but I was finding it harder to get out and about due to my deteriorating eyesight.

"One day while out shopping, I managed to fall down a set of steps, which really knocked my confidence.

"I was going out less and less, and that's when I decided to apply for a guide dog.

"When I started training with Ricky, it was one of the best days of my life. Now we go here, there and everywhere together. We're never in the house!"

Elaine decided to join her local Guide Dogs fundraising group, the Glasgow City Rollers, in 2015 and never expected to get so much out of it.

"When I had to stop working as a paediatric nurse, I felt I'd lost a sense of purpose, and that's when I started volunteering," said Elaine.

"Without funding, people like me wouldn't be able to have a guide dog like Ricky and that's what inspires me to fundraise.

"I didn't know anyone when I joined the group so it was quite nerve-wracking when Ricky and I went along to our first event, but everyone was so welcoming and made it so much fun.

"I never expected I would make such good friends through volunteering and it has been a fabulous bonus. I would recommend volunteering as a fundraiser to anyone."



To register online for a fundraiser volunteering role, visit **guidedogs.org.uk/volunteer** and search for a group near you.

If you're interested in joining your local fundraising group, contact **communityfundraising@guidedogs.org.uk** or call **0345 143 0192**.

A day in the life of...

Workshop Manager

David Pryke

Every guide dog harness, handle, lead and medallion is made at Guide Dogs' Workshop, at the National Breeding Centre in Leamington, Warwickshire. It's a unique part of the guide dog journey and one of which Workshop Manager David Pryke is justly proud.

"Without the harness," he explains, "it would be like riding a bike without the pedals. It's great that what we create helps to give people freedom of movement."

David completed various engineering-related apprenticeships before joining the workshop as an assistant in 1989. "My family were longstanding brood bitch holders and puppy walkers," he says, "and that drew me to Guide Dogs. Plus, I've always wanted to do something that would make a difference to people's lives."

Over time, the production process has become increasingly mechanised and David, plus his team of three staff and two part-time volunteers, now work with 28 different machines. "There's not a machine I can't take apart and put back together!" he laughs.

David has been the Workshop Manager for the last eight years but half his time is still dedicated to manufacturing. One part he particularly enjoys is their bespoke service. "We have moved away from 'one size fits all' and now design equipment for individual clients to make their mobility journey easier. For example, how someone walks the dog will be different if they have some kind of muscle weakness."

As manager, David is also responsible for managing his team, meeting health and safety requirements, quality control, setting budgets, monitoring stock levels, building relationships with suppliers and running



workshop tours. Fortunately, David thrives on variety – "I think I'm nicknamed 'can do'!" He's also currently working with Toyota to help make manufacturing, stock control and ordering more efficient. "With demand for our services growing as part of Guide Dogs' five-year strategy," he says, "we need to be ready for that."



Did you know?

In a year, the Workshop typically uses:

- **51,800 steel and copper rivets in the harnesses, leads and collars.**
- **5,000 metres of thread – for stitching everything they make.**
- **280 three-metre-long metal bars – for the handles on harnesses.**

Thank you to our supporters

Dear supporters,

With the end of the year in sight, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone whose efforts raised money for Guide Dogs in 2018. You are all absolutely vital to changing the lives of people with sight loss.

It's particularly lovely to read on these pages about those who ask for donations to Guide Dogs instead of receiving gifts on special occasions – folks like June and Cliff Galdes on their 65th wedding anniversary, and Loughborough University's IT Services to mark guide dog Cara's retirement.

I'd also like to send you and your loved ones warm wishes for a merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Maria

Maria Novell

Director of Fundraising



On one of the hottest days of the year, **Matthew Laws**, his wife Rosie and daughter **Izzy**, completed a 5km local fun run. In scorching heat, Matthew went the extra mile, wearing a full, furry dog suit, complete with head! They raised **£190** plus an additional **£75**, which Matthew won for his second place in the fancy dress competition but which he very generously donated to Guide Dogs.



Instead of presents, **June** and **Cliff Galdes** asked for donations at the party they held to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary and raised **£405**.

When **Andy Laws'** retired guide dog Foster passed away, his neighbours Ann Dawson and Mo Green suggested organising a coffee morning as a tribute. Including a raffle, they have so far raised more than **£462**, which has astonished Andy. "It makes you realise how much a guide dog affects other people's lives," he says, "not just your own. People have been exceptionally generous."



Pupils at the **Maple Hayes Hall** school in Lichfield raised more than **£1,100** through a raffle held at the school's open day. Guide dog owner Carol Trigg told the pupils about the freedom that her guide dog Flora has given her at a special assembly. The photo shows pupils Hannah McCormack and Cleeve Poxon presenting Carol and her husband with a cheque for the money raised.

Brownies from **Guiseley**, West Yorkshire, raised **£358** from a 'peg walk', where they were sponsored to collect clothes pegs from various points en route. They organised the event as a thank you to guide dog owner Kevin Beesting, who with his dog, Spencer, helped the girls gain their Disability Awareness badge by telling them what life was like for someone with sight loss.



It may only have been two degrees at the top of Snowdon on August Bank Holiday Saturday but that didn't deter seven members of the **Spray family** and friends from making it to the summit and raising **£830**. A support team, including Marilyn Spray and her guide dog, Poppy, travelled up by train to cheer them along.



Puppy walker **Gayle Azopardi's** husband **Peter Bunyan** and a group of friends took part in the Kent Messenger Big Bike Ride and raised nearly **£2,000**.



An intrepid team of cyclists completed the 175-mile Ride the North through Aberdeenshire and Moray during an unpleasantly cold and windy weekend in August, thought to be the worst conditions since Ride the North began. Among them were guide dog owner **Shona Black**, who rode tandem with Guide Dog Trainer **Susan Malcolm**. So far, the Guide Dogs team has raised just over **£11,000**.

Theo Harvey, aged 11, lost his sight completely after undergoing emergency surgery to remove a brain tumour. Determined to raise enough money to name a guide dog puppy, he has taken part in sponsored runs and tandem bike rides with his mum. So far, he has raised an amazing **£2,269!**



Last year's Blind Drive, organised by **Ralph Frearson** and the **Watford and Hemel Hempstead Fundraising Group**, was so successful that they decided to do it all again this year (and there's one planned for 2019 too!). Not only was it a lot of fun for all the drivers but they also raised **£1,761**.



Team **'Upside Down'** (so named because they used to take part in synchronised swimming and spent a lot of time in the water that way up), consisting of Lorraine, Carol, Claire and Louise, took part in the Great North Run and raised **£1,407**.



When guide dog Cara retired, friends and colleagues of her owner, Alexandra Bowmer, who works in **Loughborough University IT Services**, made a donation of **£40** as a retirement gift.

Guide Dogs Week 2018 – thank you!



Donate an hour
to Guide Dogs

Guide Dogs Week was truly phenomenal this year! The week, which ran from 6-14 October, marks the date that the UK's very first guide dog partnerships qualified in Wallasey, Merseyside, in 1931.

We want to say a huge **THANK YOU** to every single one of you who supported Guide Dogs Week in 2018. We recruited more than 900 supporters to donate an hour at collections and events, as well as organising hundreds of fundraising activities across the UK. From dancing, sponsored blindfolded walks and bake sales – together we have made our annual fundraising campaign a great success.

Just some of the highlights include:

- Our local volunteer group in Jersey, who are celebrating 80 years of supporting Guide Dogs this year, raised more than **£11,000** at their annual "Biggest" Book Sale. They also had a visit from BBC Radio Jersey and Guide Dogs' Chief Executive Tom Wright (pictured right).
- In Caernarfon in North Wales, family and friends of guide dog owner Buddug Lloyd-Jones did a blind climb of the virtual height of Snowdon (3,560ft) in just two hours, raising **£200** (pictured below right). It's an especially impressive feat considering some of the team had never climbed before.
- In West Yorkshire, nine guide dog owners and one My Guide partnership climbed Rokt in Brighouse, the highest outdoor climbing wall in the UK at 119ft. All were sponsored to take on the challenge and raised more than **£8,000**. The team's climb featured on the local news and in local papers.
- Congratulations to Megan from Forfar in Scotland who was the winner of the Guide Dogs Scotland Treasure Hunt! Guide Dogs memorabilia was hidden in the shop windows of stores on Forfar high street and local school girl Megan is now looking forward to her prize of a private tour of our Forfar Training School.



STOP PRESS!
Save the date for Guide Dogs Week 2019:
Saturday 5 to Sunday 13 October 2019

Congratulations

to our new partnerships

New partnerships are listed by mobility team. Each listing details owner, guide dog, town, breed, puppy walker, brood bitch holder and boarder. Warm congratulations to all our new qualifiers.

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Joseph Deery & Eddie from Londonderry L Julia Yarker from Edinburgh * Patricia Dawson from Chipping Norton

Sarah Donaghy & Una from Holywood LxL * Claire Aluko from Northampton. Mr Kevin Taylor from Warwick

Andrew Fitzgerald & Daisy from Newry L Bill & Joyce Auld from Glasgow * Janet Chandler-Smith from Coventry. Mr Kevin Taylor from Warwick.

Jill Hanna & Ace from Banbridge GRxL Douglas & Pauline Baird from Glasgow * Claire Green from Southam. Keiko Asakura from Tannadice

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Stan Lightowler & Ralph from Coleraine L Jillian Lee Devlin from Paisley * Amanda Bourne from Nuneaton

Lisa McLaughlin & Fido from Holywood GRxL Moira Cocker from Aboyne * Mr & Mrs Pete Williams from Droitwich

Tom Watterson & Pete from Millisle GR Lesley Newberry from Bangor

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Letters

That's one heck of a wolf whistle!

As a guide dog owner, I use a whistle to call my dog back after she has a free run. I have had five guide dogs over the years, but never has blowing the whistle had such a surprising effect as it did during a recent trip to our local park.

I was with my retired guide dog Luna, aged 11, and my new guide dog, Lexi, and this was her first free run. I always take someone

sighted with me on walks like these and had my sister Lynn with me. Off Luna and Lexi went but when I blew my whistle not two, but five dogs came back to me! It was quite alarming as they all arrived at the same time, followed shortly by their owners.

Incredibly, all three of the 'extra' dogs had connections with Guide Dogs, which was why they

had responded to the whistle. There was a retired guide dog, a guide dog that had been withdrawn from training and a puppy still with its puppy walker!

After that all the dogs had a lovely play together while we chatted with the owners. What a coincidence!

Jill Taylor

Caption competition

This horse clearly has a new friend in Storm, a German shepherd/golden retriever cross who was ten weeks old when this photo was taken. Storm is being puppy walked in Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, by Wendy Bruce.

What do you think she is thinking or saying to the horse? Send your captions to: **Forward, Guide Dogs, Hillfields, Burghfield Common, Reading RG7 3YG** or email forward@guidedogs.org.uk with your name, address and a daytime phone number. There's a £10 Marks and Spencer voucher for the winner.



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Toyota GB ambassadors visit the NBC

Following a staff nomination and pitch by Guide Dogs, we were chosen as Toyota (GB) and Toyota Financial Services' first ever charity partner in December 2016. Toyota has a global mission with an emphasis on safety, ever-better mobility for all, and a commitment to continuous improvement, presenting a natural synergy for Toyota and Guide Dogs to work together. Fast forward to now and Toyota GB and their amazing staff have raised an incredible £161,922.67 for Guide Dogs, led by the company's six charity ambassadors.

To say a special thank you, in September five of the ambassadors were welcomed to our National Breeding Centre, near Leamington Spa in Warwickshire. The guests were hosted in one of the fully equipped meeting rooms and got to enjoy a tour of our world-class centre and its facilities. They met our dogs, experienced a blindfold walk and heard from some of our passionate volunteers throughout the day.

The visit gave them all the chance to learn about the inner workings of Guide Dogs, see our puppies and learn about our breeding programme. It was a real pleasure to host Toyota GB and to be able to thank them for all their support, with our very special thanks to the charity ambassadors – John Ryan, Amanda Dolan, Matt Searle, Amy Strudwick, Hannah Davies and Andrew Fitzpatrick.



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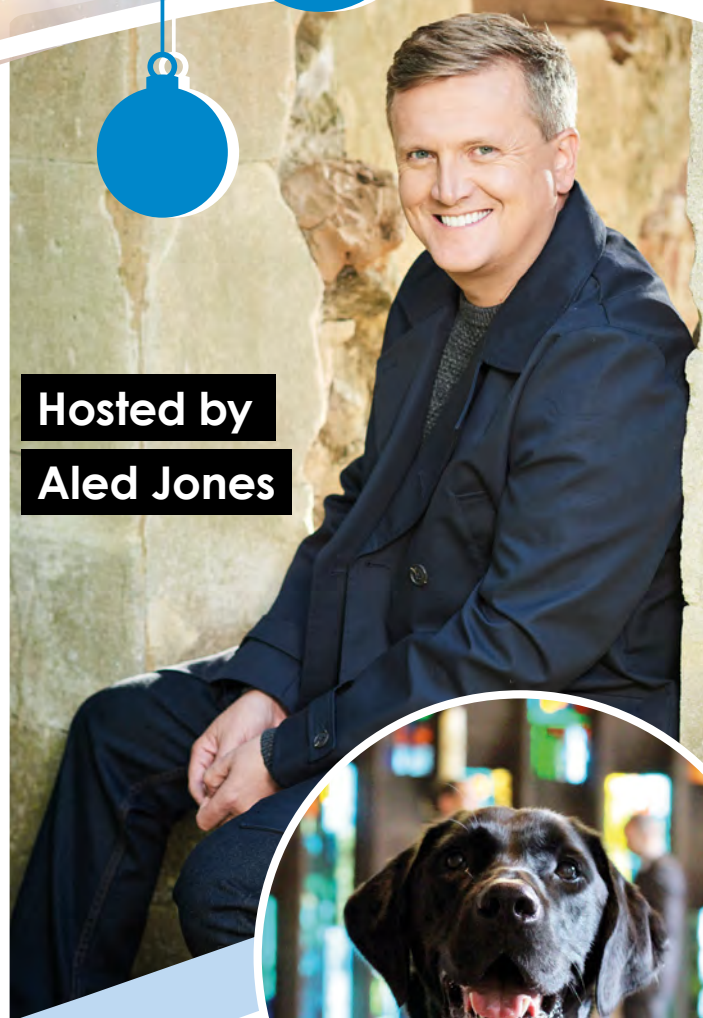
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