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Litter Box

The following dogs were bred by Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind since March 31st, 2011:

“W” litter – Millie (YLB) bred to Jethro (BLM).

“X” litter – Tulip (GRB) bred to Flute (GRM).

Puppy Walking and Breeding Program

A sincere thank you to the puppy walkers and breeding stock holders whose dogs have completed the puppy walking program, or have been bred, up to August 31st.

Brenda Belanger, Ginette Bisson, Janet Broadbent, Dorothy & Bruce Campbell, Florence Chow, Darryl Craig, Cheryl Craver, Heather Dunbar, Jeff Farnand, Donna Fulton, Tamara Glanville, Donald Gorling, Mary Hanna, Joanne Lambley, Nancy Metcalf, Martin & Pawli Model, Pam Owen, Penny Pereira, Jennifer Pfeifer, Claire Reed-Cassells, Susan Siddorn, Gillian Smith, and Kim Spicer. ■



Our sincere thank you to the Ottawa International Airport Authority for supporting Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind through their coin donation program.

Pictured, one of our puppies enthusiastically thanks Paul Benoit, President and CEO of the Ottawa International Airport Authority. ■

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Events Overview

27th Annual Dog Walk



Our 'Dollars for Dogs' Annual Fundraising Walk at Andrew Haydon Park in Ottawa continues to be a great event for dogs to bring their owners for some exercise and the chance to socialize with other humans. The weather was poor, but spirits were high, as everyone endured the rain and raised over \$30,000. ■



Annual Open Houses

More than 800 people attended two Open Houses at the National Training Centre for tours, demonstrations, and the opportunity to meet some of our dogs. Dates for next year to be announced in our spring/summer newsletter. ■



UK Day Garden Party & Tea

In the tradition of British Devonshire Cream Tea, Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind hosts an annual UK Day Garden Party & Tea, featuring authentic Devonshire cream and scones baked by the chef of Earncliffe; the residence of the British High Commissioner. ■



Congratulations to the winning team: Scott Buchanan, Peter Ingalls, Dan Orban and Don Young; seen here with Jane Thornton, Chief Operating Officer of Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind.

'Golf for Guide Dogs'

Our annual golf tournament was held at the Carleton Golf & Yacht Club, located in Manotick, Ontario. It was a perfect day for golf, followed by an evening of great food and drink, prizes, and live and silent auctions.

A special thank you to John A. Kenny, RBC Dominion Securities; Lee Fournier, BMO Nesbitt Burns; Dan Murphy Ford Sales Ltd; and the Co-Operators, Manotick; for generously sponsoring the tournament. ■

'Dining in the Dark'



Mike Bouris, Owner, and staff of Chances R

'Dining in the Dark' was hosted by Chances R Restaurant (Ottawa) who darkened their venue and provided blindfolds to ensure patrons had truly unseen cuisine. The staff of the restaurant generously volunteered their time, and raised \$2,500 for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. ■

The Five Minute Guide to Planned Giving

Life Insurance

Would you like to give a large donation, or would you like to give more than you presently do, but just do not have the means to do so? Have you thought about giving, but thought that an annual donation of a few hundred dollars wouldn't go very far, or be very worthwhile?

A life insurance policy is the best way to turn a small annual donation into a large future gift, often increasing your giving power to far beyond what you would otherwise be able to give. As an added benefit, this allows you to leave a legacy without encroaching on your estate or jeopardizing the financial security of your dependents, and you could realize significant tax savings now, while you can take advantage of it, as opposed to your estate receiving a tax receipt after your death.

There are several ways to contribute life insurance to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. You can...

- transfer the ownership of an ongoing or new policy, and continue to make monthly or annual payments, which are tax deductible;
- transfer the ownership of a paid-up policy, receiving a tax benefit for the cash value of the policy;
- name Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind as an irrevocable beneficiary of a policy, and your estate will receive the tax benefits upon payment; or,
- name your estate as the beneficiary, and include a bequest equal to the proceeds of the policy to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Each of these options makes sense given different circumstances – speak with your insurance representative about which makes the most sense for you. The size and duration of your short-term pledge, along with your age, will determine the value of your ultimate gift; however, relatively small contributions translate into a gift many times greater than the contributions made by the donor.

Benefits of the gift of life insurance

An insurance policy can be arranged quickly and immediately, instead of waiting until later in life to give from accumulated assets. Premiums usually grow with age, meaning it is more cost-effective to give now than later. Payments can be made on the "installment plan," meaning that a substantial gift can be given without impairing your capital, or adversely affecting your financial security. The gift also passes outside of the estate settlement process, and will not shrink on account of

taxes, probate, or legal and administration fees; meaning that Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind receives the full amount of the gift you wanted us to receive.

An immediate cash gift with wealth replacement life insurance

You could also use life insurance in a different way. If you are reluctant to make a significant current donation, or to include Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind in your will because you plan on passing your assets to family or other beneficiaries, you could take out an insurance policy to replace the assets being gifted or bequeathed. This enables you to make that large financial contribution now to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, while ensuring your family or beneficiaries are cared for as well. In some instances, the tax savings you receive from the gift may be large enough to support the life insurance premiums!

Bequests

When you leave a gift to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind in your will, this gift is called a bequest. Bequests are by far the most popular type of planned giving because they are remarkably simple to understand and easy to establish with professional assistance. Some gifts are large, others are small, but almost everyone can participate in this form of giving.

Bequests can take several forms, so there are several ways to leave a donation for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind.

A **general bequest** leaves a specific dollar amount or percentage of your estate to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind.

A **residuary bequest** donates the remainder of your estate to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind after all of your beneficiaries have been cared for through initial provisions in your will, and expenses and any taxes have been paid. You may also leave a **specific bequest**, which is a special asset, such as securities or a piece of property.

Benefits of Bequests

A charitable gift in your will does not affect your current income, and can help ease the burden of probate fees on your estate. A donation receipt is issued to your estate, resulting in a tax credit on your estate's final income tax return. You also retain full control of the gift property, so you can change your will at any time should your situation change.

General/Specific bequests and the Endowment fund

General and specific bequests allow for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind to use the funds according to the most urgent needs at the time of your gift. Both capital and income may be spent for general or specific purposes as designated by you. Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind also has an established **endowment fund** to which contributions can be made. This endowment fund only uses income earned on investments, and the organization cannot spend the capital investment.

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind is governed with the direction of the Board of Directors, a select group of volunteers serving without remuneration for the sole benefit of Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. ■

"Having a guide dog gives meaning to my life. I can't sing enough praises about Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, its program, and the staff."

– Bryan Pembleton,
Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind client

Client Profile – Tim McIsaac

Tim McIsaac is known in some circles for his achievements and dominance in his chosen sport of competitive swimming. His athletic resume reads like a laundry list of accomplishments, and includes being named Canada's Most Outstanding Junior Male Athlete (1976); representing Canada on the world stage while winning 40 medals (19 gold) in International Competition; and being inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame (2001).

These accomplishments are all the more impressive given these two facts: when Tim was fourteen, he was run over by a speeding vehicle, breaking both of his legs; and Tim was born without sight.

Growing up, Tim didn't realize that he was any different from the other children; however, as others were learning new skills and slowly becoming more independent, Tim found it difficult as his blindness required him to rely on others a great deal.

He would try to appear like everyone else, going as far as picking up books and pretending he was reading to fit in. Tim ended up leaving his Winnipeg home to attend a school specifically for the blind.

It was at the Ross MacDonald School for the Blind that he became interested in swimming as part of the physical education program. At his first major competition, the Ontario Games in 1975, he won five gold medals.

Encouraged, Tim trained harder and made the Canadian Olympic Team for the 1976 Paralympic Games, winning the first of his many international gold medals, along with two silver and two bronze.

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His coach devised a system whereby Tim was tapped on the head or arm, indicating that he was to tumble turn as all sighted swimmers do.

He was the first blind swimmer in the world to use this method; one that is now compulsory in competitive swimming.

His dominance on the national level (97 gold medals in 14 events) translated into success on the international level, representing Canada at the Paralympic Games in Toronto (1976), Arnhem, Netherlands (1980), New York, USA (1984) and Seoul, South Korea (1988).

While he retired from competitive swimming in 1992, Tim has recently returned to the world of athletics, and has competed in three triathlons.

With the assistance of a sighted guide, athletes swim 1500 metres, bike 40 kilometres on a tandem bicycle, and then run 10 kilometres.

Although he had reached the top of the world of sport, it wasn't until 1997 that his world opened even further. This was the year that Tim was first matched with a guide dog.

Between his fear of traffic stemming from the incident as a boy, and being a new father, Tim decided he required a higher level of independence for things like being able to make quick trips for groceries.

“All of a sudden, I had a greater sense of freedom, safety and security from my guide dog. I could walk at ‘real time speed’ like everyone else, without bumping into, or tripping over, things,” Tim says, remembering when he received his first guide dog, Tilley.

After Tilley's retirement, Tim was matched with Willow. Tim is now paired with his third guide dog, Jerry.

Tim is endeared to all three of his guide dogs: “The sense of freedom is incredible, knowing you can just walk down the street. I can not do busy crossings with a white cane, but can with a guide dog.



“I have a level of independence that I didn't have without my dog. The training is amazing, and the instructors are first-rate.”

“My biggest fear is not getting across a street or missing a light, but my dogs allow me to follow a straight line to avoid traffic,” something that is difficult to do with a cane.

Tim is grateful for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind: “I have a level of independence that I didn't have without my dog. The training is amazing, and the instructors are first-rate.”

Although Jerry is his third guide dog, Tim says training was intense and even more difficult than the first two times, as you have to break old habits, get used to a new dog, and not make unfair comparisons to past guide dogs.

Tim became the first blind student to graduate from the University of Winnipeg, receiving his Bachelor of Education degree; and lives in Winnipeg with his wife and son.

In addition to his professional life, he is involved with several service clubs and advocacy groups for the disabled.

He believes “Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind is the best kept secret we have as a resource for visually impaired people in Canada.” ■



Client Profile – Claude Montpetit

“Without a guide dog I was feeling like I didn’t want to do much anymore, except sit around the house feeling discouraged.”

Remembering back to elementary school, Claude Montpetit recalls that he always had problems with his vision. Due to his size (“I was 242 pounds when I was sixteen,” he says with a smile) he was always seated in the back row, where he could not see the blackboard. He adapted by running to the front of the classroom

to take notes, then retreating back to his own seat to work.

As any typical teenager, Claude wanted to drive. Thinking about it now, Claude admits it wasn’t a good idea, but he received his driver’s licence and drove for 19 years without being able to read a street sign. “Back then there was no driving test. I just had to pass a written exam.”

Claude decided to hang up the keys when his doctor said “I am not telling you to stop, but if you decide that you’ll be driving tomorrow morning, phone me at home tonight so I can tell my wife and kids to stay off the roads.”

Claude had a guide dog in the past, before relying on his wife to get him around for several years. Eventually, Claude would just not venture out. He decided to apply for another guide dog after becoming frustrated using a white cane.

“On occasion, I would think I was on the side of the road before hearing car horns honking and realizing I was in the middle of the street.” It is a mistake that would not be made with a guide dog by his side.

“Without a guide dog I was feeling like I didn’t want to do much anymore, except sit around the house feeling discouraged.” Now, Claude is ready to rediscover his independence. With his guide dog, Dazzle, Claude will go out, and be encouraged to lead a more active and healthy lifestyle.

“White canes are not seen. I am much more confident with a guide dog. It helps to have a dog, especially when my wife is not around.” Claude encourages others who are blind and don’t feel safe to apply for a guide dog. “Not only will it help with your independence, but it will help with your confidence for sure.” ■

I would like to make a donation to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I have enclosed a cheque in the amount of \$ _____.

I would like to make a one-time donation of \$ _____ to be charged to my credit card.

Card #: _____

Expiry: mm/yy _____ Name on Card: _____

Type of Card: Visa MC AMEX

Please send completed form and cheques (if applicable) to:

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind
4120 Rideau Valley Drive North
PO Box 280, Manotick, Ontario K4M 1A3
Fax: (613) 692-0650

Registered Charity #: 10684 6819 RR0001 Tax receipt will be mailed.

You can also donate online on our website at www.guidedogs.ca

2012 Entertainment Book (Ottawa Edition Only)

\$35.00

Entertainment Books have been helping individuals and families save on the important things in life: dining, shopping, services, car care, etc. Whether you are on a budget or looking to splurge, the Entertainment Book is filled with hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 coupons for things you do everyday: movie tickets, golf discounts, travel, attraction passes...the list goes on.

The book is about the size of a novel, and contains over \$15,000 in savings. You also receive a wallet card for use at restaurants (so you don’t have to bring your coupons), and access to additional online deals as they become available.

The 2012 Entertainment Book costs \$35, and can easily pay for itself using just one coupon. Please contact Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind at (613) 692-7777 to purchase and pick up your Entertainment Book. ■

Client Profile – **Bruce Wotherspoon**

In 1987, Bruce Wotherspoon was told that he should be prepared to lose his sight. As with all difficult news, Bruce underwent the common stages of the mourning process – denial, anger and depression. It would be a while before acceptance.

Recalling that time of his life, Bruce confesses that he wasn't a very nice person, as he spent several years doing his best to cope with the gradual loss of vision. "I was bitter," admits Bruce. "I smoked, and I drank. I was very dislikeable. I was doing unproductive things, personal relationships were struggling, and I was partying a lot, mainly due to denial."

On August 4th, 1994, two things happened that Bruce remembers vividly: "It was the day Major League Baseball decided to strike, ruining the Expos' shot at the World Series; and it was also the day I was almost hit by a car." It was that day, says Bruce, that he decided he needed a guide dog.

Based on the recommendation of a friend, Bruce applied to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind and was matched with his first guide dog, Civitan. Civitan immediately had an impact on not only his mobility, but on his life.

"I no longer had to depend on anybody, and I didn't have to call anyone when I wanted or needed something. I always knew a guide dog was for mobility, but I didn't realize there would be other changes. My life changed beyond mobility. Everything changed.



"All the negative things just fell away."

"Civitan gave me a reason to get up in the morning. I had the responsibility to look after him, which meant looking after myself. Having a guide dog matured me, and made me a better person. I started volunteer work, and I started to make new friends... good friends. All the negative things just fell away."

Bruce has led a positive life since his first guide dog, Civitan. In May 2011, Bruce received his newest guide dog, Perkins. A stark difference from before he started working with guide dogs,

"I was doing unproductive things, personal relationships were struggling, and I was partying a lot"

Bruce is out of the house most days by 8:30 to run his daily errands as necessary, or to simply get out for a walk.

Bruce continues to be a familiar site on the sidewalks of Cornwall, Ontario; now with Perkins at his side. "People joke about Cornwall, and it doesn't really have a good reputation for whatever reason," but it is a city that Bruce is proud to call home.

"The fact is, people here are nice and helpful, and very friendly. It's the type of city, maybe because of its reputation, that pulls together – pulls for the underdog." For Bruce, it is the perfect city to live his life.

"I have always enjoyed my time at Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind," says Bruce. "It doesn't feel like an institution. It feels like home. You're allowed your freedom and your space, and people are respectful. I really don't know anything that could be improved."

"I wouldn't underestimate the change in my life since deciding to get a guide dog. Each time I get a new guide dog, there is the risk of a broken heart, but my love for the dog, and my love for getting around and walking is worth the risk." ■

Did You Know?

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind is not a United Way partner agency, and therefore receives no regular financial commitment from the United Way.

You can, however, support Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind through a United Way giving campaign, or through your United Way-run charitable payroll deductions program. Designate us as your charity of choice by including our registered charity number: 10684 6819 RR0001, and know where your United Way donation is going.

Remember, we will not receive funding unless you specifically designate us as your charity.



Client Profile – Monica Hoffman

Monica is a young woman with a very active lifestyle. “I’ve always loved to dance,” she says smiling. Monica dances and works with Propeller Dance – the only organization in Ontario with the sole mandate of providing dance programming to children, youth and adults with and without disability, providing an inclusive, accessible and integrated dance program. This past winter, she tried skiing for the first time and plans on pursuing the sport further.

Monica also enjoys scrapbooking and she is learning French as a second language. She also spends time volunteering at a retirement home and teaching Sunday school. Her active lifestyle will only be enhanced by having her assistance dog, Cyrus, by her side.

Monica says she was about seven years old when her parents first started looking into getting her an assistance dog, but a move to a house that her father built himself, and the birth of a sister, moved the dog idea to the back burner for a few years.

In the summer of 2010, Monica “began pushing my Mom’s buttons for a dog again.” She contacted Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind in the fall of that year to inquire about an assistance dog.

Her initial interview took place in October, and Monica was matched with Cyrus in the spring of 2011. “I fell in love with him the first time I saw him,” says

Monica. “He wiggles his eyebrows at me all the time, he’s so cute. My family adores him too.”

His skills for fetching and picking things up off the floor will benefit Monica most, she says. “I drop things a lot. My back and neck are weak, so bending isn’t possible.

“Now, I don’t have to yell for my mom or sister to help me,” Monica laughs as she explains her adapted method of calling for them: “I would get a kitchen spoon and a pot and bang the pot. It works, so why not?” she says with a huge smile. “That is, until you drop the spoon.” Now Cyrus will be there to help Monica with these, and many other tasks.

“Training was the most challenging and frustrating thing of my life, but it was really fun too,” Monica says as she reflects on the demanding program. “I didn’t think it would be that hard. There were times when I didn’t think I could go on; when I thought ‘forget the whole thing.’ The first week I was absolutely wiped; the second week was better but I was still pretty exhausted.”

Monica thanks the staff and her trainer at Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind; and her family, without whom she feels she wouldn’t have graduated. She also admits that she completed the training as much for Cyrus as she did for herself.

In addition to providing help in many aspects of her life, “he will be a constant companion, and that’s huge. That’s what I’ve craved for many years.” ■

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind Colouring Contest for Kids

Children 12 and younger can print, colour and submit our colouring contest sheet to win some great prizes, awarded every three months. You can find the colouring contest sheet at www.guidedogs.ca. Remember – all Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind harnesses are white!

Our latest contest winners are...

Samara Gosselin; Ottawa, ON
Beau Nightingale; Nepean, ON
Indi Raine; Summerside, PE
Emily Robinson; Kanata, ON
Hannah Yeaton; Stittsville, ON
Rachel Yeaton; Stittsville, ON ■

Thank You

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind would like to thank the many Ontario stores that have supported us through the sale of Nevada tickets in the past year, including Mac’s locations in Aurora, Barrie, Brampton, Carleton Place, Harrow, Kingston, Ottawa, Peterborough, Smiths Falls, Trenton, Whitby and Windsor; Sunrise Convenience, Cambridge; Clarington Convenience, Courtice; International News Stand, Etobicoke; Big Bee Convenience, Hamilton; Hasty Market, Kitchener; J&J Auto Sales, Leamington; Mrs. Coopers Convenience, London; Malton Variety, Mississauga; Dollar Mania, Oshawa; Smoke Master & Variety, St. Catharines; and Stop Variety, Toronto.

A special thank you to the following businesses that have donated goods or services to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind:

Nestle Purina Petcare Inc., food for dogs and pups in training; Art Newman, use of training hall; Smith Falls Lions Club, use of their hall for training; Air Canada Cargo, and WestJet, transporting pups; Boehringer Ingelheim (Canada) Ltd, Merck Animal Health, Novartis Animal Health Canada, and Pfizer Animal Health Worldwide, veterinary supplies. ■

So Many Ways to Show Support

From running a marathon to running an office party; sponsoring a walk participant to sponsoring a puppy or guide dog team, there are so many different ways to get involved and show your support for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Individually

Because one person can make a difference. There are no small donations – every dollar helps.

Make a Donation

As simple as it sounds, make a donation! This is the most effective way to give to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. All donations over \$10 are eligible for a tax receipt.

Donations in lieu of gifts

If you are having an upcoming special event (birthday, anniversary, bar or bat mitzvah), you could ask for individuals to make a donation to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind instead of bringing gifts.

As Christmas approaches, if you have friends and family on your list and you simply don't know what to get, or want to get them something more meaningful than another tie or gift certificate; consider making a donation on their behalf to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. Also works well for birthdays!

Purchase Merchandise from our Online Gift Shop

Purchase official merchandise from our online gift shop for yourself or others. With beanie babies, key chains, coffee mugs, Christmas and birthday cards, notelets, clothing and hats, there is something for everyone. Give a great gift while knowing you're supporting a great organization. Visit guidedogs.ca and click 'Shop Online.'

Purchase a Commemorative Brick

Looking back over the past year, if you have had friends or family that have lost a pet, purchasing a commemorative brick on our memorial garden path is a touching way to show someone you care and sympathize with their loss. It could be a very thoughtful Christmas gift, and one that is never too late to give.

As a Group or Office

If you are on a social committee, or if you would simply like to suggest any of the following for your office, we are here to help.

Holiday Party or Get Together

If your office hosts an annual Holiday party, speak to the organizers about making a contribution to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. They could accept donations from staff, with the company matching any monies raised at the event, or they could host an auction – either the traditional silent or live variety, or a different type of auction (see below).

Host a Blind Auction

Instead of attempting to have items donated for an auction at your next event, get the staff (volunteers/ membership/ class) to each wrap something from their home – whether it be of actual value, or something they've been meaning to get rid of forever. Announce that at least one of the boxes has \$50/\$100/something of

value that is small enough to fit in all of the boxes, based upon the anticipated bidding amounts of the group. Allow everyone sufficient time to handle, shake, etc – guessing is half the fun. If you are having a live auction, be sure the first few items are of value, and it's important that everyone opens their gift in front of the group. Donated items can be included as well.

Christmas Cards

If your company sends Christmas cards, or even if they don't, encourage them to purchase Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind Christmas cards. Our beautiful cards feature a seasonal photo of our dogs, and can include a custom greeting along with your company logo; or can simply be left blank for your own personalized message. To order your cards, contact Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind at (613) 692-7777. For early shipment, order soon.

Valentine's Day Roses

You can help Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind raise funds through the sale of fresh red roses on Valentine's Day. Get your colleagues to help us by promoting our program throughout your office or workplace. Your coworkers will likely be buying flowers on Valentine's Day – encourage them to help Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind while doing so. You assist us through internal promotion (office email, flyers, etc), and we handle the orders, prepayments, and delivery on February 14th. Contact us by December 31st to participate in this program. ■

“The school took into consideration my lifestyle, my activities, my basic character, speed of walking and other aspects of who I am as a person. Their high standard of professionalism, care, and encouraging atmosphere allowed me to overcome many of my fears and doubts. My guide dog will allow me to travel safely, and in high traffic areas I will feel much safer and will travel with greater ease and confidence.”

– Bill Brinkert, Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind client

Have a Holly Jolly Christmas



Holly is probably the oldest December decoration, being used for nearly 2,000 years. Apart from being a symbol of peace, prosperity and goodwill, Holly was used by ancient Celts to provide woodland fairies with shelter from the cold of winter, thereby bringing good luck to their homes. Regardless of its history or symbolism, holly adds colour to a cold, gray landscape; and reminds us that although daylight is scarce, springtime is just around the corner.

You have the opportunity to bring good luck to your home, or offer a gift of peace, prosperity and goodwill to neighbours, family, and friends. Your purchase price includes 10 sprays (8 green, 2 variegated), 2 ponderosa pine cones, 2 cedar boughs, and all taxes and delivery. If purchased as a gift, delivery to the recipient's address and a gift card with your own personal message is included. Your holly is delivered by Canada Post direct from the grower in British Columbia, ensuring it arrives at the peak of freshness. Deadline to order is November 25th.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Prov: _____
Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____
(# purchased) _____ x \$42 = (total purchase) _____
Payment Method: Visa MC AMEX Cheque
Card #: _____ Expiry: mm/yy _____
Signature: _____

If your order is a gift, please complete the following section.

Gift recipient: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Prov: _____
Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____
Message to be included on the card: _____

Please mail the above form to:

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, 4120 Rideau Valley Drive North, PO Box 280
Manotick, ON, K4M 1A3 Fax to: (613) 692-0650
Order by phone today: (613) 692-7777
We must receive your order by November 25th

Obituaries and Guide Dog Memorial Tributes

Obituaries and Guide Dog Memorial Tributes may be submitted to Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, 4120 Rideau Valley Drive North, PO Box 280, Manotick, ON, K4M 1A3; or by email to info@guidedogs.ca.

Please limit to 25 words.

Our People...

Mohamed Bagherpour

Mohamed Bagherpour was a client of Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind, graduating in 2007. A resident of Calgary, he passed away in May, 2011. The staff of Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind would like to send their condolences to his family.

Gord Boulton

Gord Boulton of Paris, Ontario passed away in March 2011. Gord was a volunteer of Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind in the Guider Program (Collection Dogs). Locally, he was involved in many community initiatives. He will be sadly missed in his community by the many that benefited from his giving spirit.

Sheila Crawford

Sheila Crawford and her husband George (predeceased in 2006) were long-time supporters of Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind. She lived her life with gratitude, generosity, and an enthusiasm that was contagious. Our sympathies to her family.

Ted Kennedy

Ted boarded many dogs for Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind over the years, and was occasionally "the funny guy inside the suit," wearing the mascot outfit at many events. He had a special place in his heart for dogs, and will be dearly missed. Our condolences to his wife Sheila.

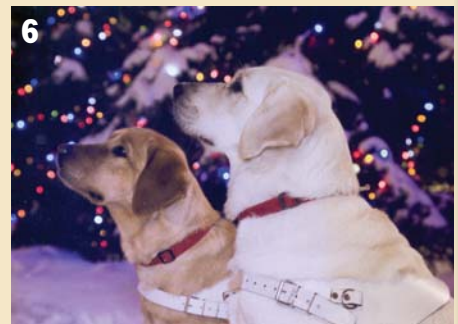
Our Dogs...

Geordie

Guide dog Geordie, August 31, 1997 – March 18, 2011

Geordie will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him, especially his two families: guide dog user Wendy Sloat and husband Blaine (Waterloo, ON); and his retirement family Peter and Kathy Langlois, with children Allison and Paul (Brantford, ON). "Geordie is now truly a doggy angel running and playing with his friends in 'Doggy Heaven.'" – Wendy Sloat ■

Gift Shop Order Form



1. **Ty Beanie Baby 2.0 Fletch** (with training jacket) \$12 x _____ = \$ _____
2. **Pup in Basket Tote Bag** \$20 x _____ = \$ _____
3. **Sweatshirt with Logo** (Navy)
 Quantity: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$30 x _____ = \$ _____
4. **2011 T-Shirt** (Dark Grey)
 Quantity: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ \$20 x _____ = \$ _____
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