



# Assistance Dogs Australia®

## Giving freedom and independence to people living with disabilities.

**An Assistance Dog can help a person living with a disability to live with more freedom, independence and dignity.**

Assistance Dogs Australia is only a little charity, but we've got a big job to do and even bigger dreams for the future. We want to provide an Assistance Dog to every Aussie whose life would be transformed by one. Your support is a great step towards making that happen.

Together, we can make sure many more Australians living with disabilities get to experience the life-changing support, care and companionship of an Assistance Dog.

*"You'll be helping to teach even more promising puppies to calm people in distress, and help them build the confidence they need to get out into their communities independently and do the things they love."*

### MOBILITY SUPPORT

Assistance Dogs help people who are living with physical disabilities like quadriplegia, cerebral palsy, and muscular dystrophy. Our highly trained Assistance Dogs pick up dropped items, open doors and drawers, and give emotional support so their humans can live more independently. With your support, people who need mobility support can finally be in charge of their own lives.

### POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD)

The horror of PTSD can paralyse a person to the point of extreme disruption of day-to-day functioning, relationships, and work. An Assistance Dog helps to detect and stop PTSD symptoms before they overwhelm their human. Lives can be rebuilt with the confidence and safety that Assistance Dogs bring.

### AUTISM

The autism spectrum is wide and varied, so Autism Assistance Dogs are specially trained to address the specific needs of each person so they can have an even brighter and happier future. Autism Assistance Dogs bring breakthroughs in people who are having a meltdown, are non-verbal, have sensory issues, struggle with social skills, or are just not responding to other therapy.



**It costs over \$40,000 to train and place an Assistance Dog.**

Your donation helps cover training, vaccinations, food and equipment for an Assistance Dog, who is given to a client free of charge.





## EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

Educational Support Dogs provide support to students in many ways, including offering emotional support, recognising signs of anxiety and helping improve concentration and communication skills. They also help to reduce the incidence of antisocial behaviour and bullying. Students are happier and more focussed with an Educational Support Dog in the classroom.

## WHAT IS WORKPLACE GIVING?

Workplace Giving is a three-way partnership between employees, employers, and Assistance Dogs Australia. It brings compelling benefits to each party. From supporting charities to meeting corporate social responsibility objectives, Workplace Giving joins communities in positive and long-lasting relationships.

## WHY CHOOSE WORKPLACE GIVING?

- 🐾 *Many employers will match your donation dollar for dollar, so your gift could have double the impact.*
- 🐾 *Your donation is made from your pre-tax income, saving you time claiming a tax deduction at tax time.*
- 🐾 *Workplace giving has lower overheads for Assistance Dogs Australia, meaning more of your gift goes towards getting an Assistance Dog to every Aussie that needs one.*
- 🐾 *For employers, workplace giving is a great way to support your company's corporate social responsibility goals.*
- 🐾 *Workplace giving has been proven as a way for employers to improve employee engagement.*

## 3 SIMPLE STEPS TO START GIVING

1. Complete the Workplace giving registration form and send it to your payroll office.
2. Instruct your payroll office to deduct your nominated amount from your gross pre-tax salary every pay period.
3. Request that your pay office send the form on to Assistance Dogs Australia via the following options.

**Post:** PO Box R1294, Royal Exchange, NSW 1225 **Email:** [support@assisteddogs.org.au](mailto:support@assisteddogs.org.au)

**Website:** [www.assisteddogs.org.au](http://www.assisteddogs.org.au) to setup your giving today on one of the Workplace Giving Platforms that may be available in your workplace.

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