



Become a Furever Friend

How to include Assistance Dogs Australia
in your Will, and build a brighter future
filled with love, friendship and greater
freedom for people living with disabilities.



**Assistance Dogs
Australia®**



**“Your Will can
change lives.
This booklet will
show you how.”**

By leaving a gift in your Will to Assistance Dogs Australia, you will bring dogs and people together in partnerships that are life-changing.

On behalf of the team, thank you so much for considering a gift in your Will for Assistance Dogs Australia. It's the best way to ensure your love of dogs and your concern for vulnerable people will still be transforming lives long into the future.

Our Assistance Dogs are as intelligent as they are loving. Your kindness would help provide talented puppies with the training and care they need to become a lifeline for people living with a disability. It would be a privilege to welcome you on board.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Miles".

Dr Matthew Miles
CEO Assistance Dogs Australia



“We’re
ready
to help”





“My level of disability could have completely left me without purpose. But my Assistance Dogs have helped me continue on to live the life that I was meant to live.”

— Tim, who is living with quadriplegia.

Tim was 18 years old when he suddenly became a quadriplegic in a diving accident. The three Assistance Dogs that Tim has had so far — first Buster, then Roxy, and now Casper (pictured with Tim) — have helped him achieve the same dreams he had before his accident.

With determination, the opportunity of a fair go, and the support of his Assistance Dogs, Tim has gained purpose and a career he loves.

Today, Tim is a husband and father, as well as a board member of Assistance Dogs Australia. He is also a Furever Friend. He said:

“I made the decision to include Assistance Dogs Australia in my Will because I want more people like me to have the same opportunities and hope that my Assistance Dogs have brought into my life.

Please include a gift in your Will and join me as a Furever Friend.”

“Because of our Assistance Dog Claudia,
I see a light in my child that I have not seen.”

— Kate, who is mum to Noah.

Parents Kate and Murray were at a loss and had tried everything to help their son Noah, who is living with autism.

They had serious concerns for Noah’s future because of his unpredictable behaviours, constant meltdowns, sleep deprivation, and mental health difficulties.

Among the countless ways Claudia the Assistance Dog helps Noah is the way she can calm Noah mid-meltdown when he won’t respond to anything else. Because of Claudia, Noah has further developed his social skills and sense of responsibility, improved his mental health, and is understanding more of the world now.

Now you can help make sure that future generations don’t miss out on a life-changing Assistance Dog. As a Furever Friend, your wonderful legacy will live on.



Noah
❤️
Claudia



It takes
big hearts
to do
this work.

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Puppies tired
from all that training

Assistance Dogs have already changed so many lives, but there is much more to be done.

Assistance Dogs Australia was launched in 1996 by a small group of dog-lovers who believed expertly-trained Labradors and Golden Retrievers had the intelligence and love to transform lives.

They were right, and today, you'll find our Assistance Dogs providing love, freedom, and physical support in the homes of people living with disabilities across Australia.

We're still a small charity, but we are blessed with supporters who have the biggest hearts.

Your compassion will help people living with a disability to achieve their dreams for years to come.

“Having Godric has created so much independence for Sam. Her future is a lot more positive than I ever thought it could possibly be.”

— Therese, Sam's mum.





“We want Alessia to be as independent as she can be and Ebony helps her to do that. Ebony is letting my daughter live her best life.”

— Christine, Alessia’s mum

Alessia, 13, has quadriplegic cerebral palsy. Alessia’s mum, Christine, said:

“Alessia cannot complete basic tasks like brushing her teeth on her own, so therefore has lost all of her independence.”

Ebony, an intelligent black Labrador, was given to Alessia. On a daily basis, Ebony can:

- Open and close doors for Alessia
- Retrieve dropped items and put them in Alessia’s lap, like mobile phones, pens, toys and slippers
- Alert bark if Alessia is in distress
- Press pedestrian buttons
- Calm down Alessia when no-one else can

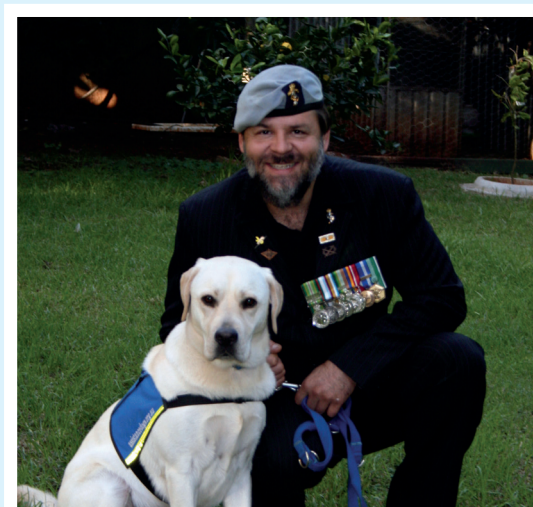
Now with Ebony by her side, ambitious Alessia has the support she needs to face the unknowns of teenagehood – and flourish.

This is why your support is so important. Becoming a Furever Friend is one of the most selfless things you can do, and the best way to make sure that the generosity you have shown during your life carries on beyond it.

Veo the PTSD Assistance Dog

Stephane served in the armed forces for 18 years, both at home and abroad. He has been living with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for the past ten years and now has an Assistance Dog named Veo. Stephane said:

“Veo has given me the confidence to go out without feeling confronted and uncomfortable. Veo allows me to be a better partner and to do dad things with my kids.”



Lo the Educational Support Dog

Lo is an Educational Support Dog in an Autism Support Unit in a Sydney high school. Lo helps young people who are at a crucial turning point in their lives.

Lo has reached through to students in a way that teachers couldn't, and has given parents hope for their child's success after school.



How will you remember Assistance Dogs Australia?

There are three key ways you can include Assistance Dogs Australia Limited in your Will:

Residuary Bequest

A residuary bequest is a gift of a percentage of the remainder of your estate after all your other wishes have been fulfilled and expenses met. Because the value of your gift will rise with inflation, it will be worth as much to us tomorrow as it is today.

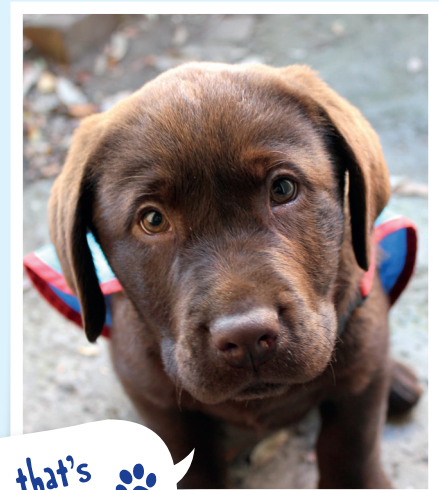
Specific Bequest

A specific bequest is a gift of a specific item of value. For example a painting or a property.

Pecuniary Bequest

A pecuniary bequest is simply a gift of a specific amount of money. For example, \$5,000.

Please be sure to discuss these options with a solicitor. They'll ensure that your loved ones and the causes you hold dear benefit from your Will exactly as you would wish.



*I hope that's
nice and clear* 

How to leave a bequest

Don't worry if you've never made a Will, or have no idea how to amend an existing one, our Bequest Officer is ready and waiting to help.

Simply call us on **1800 688 364** or email us at: **bequests@assistedogs.org.au**. We'd love to hear from you.

Does someone
need help?
I can help.



Writing a bequest

In drafting or amending your Will to include Assistance Dogs Australia, you may like to use the following wording:

"I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to 'Assistance Dogs Australia Limited' my Estate (or ___% of my Estate, or "the sum of \$_____") for its general purposes and I DECLARE that the receipt of the secretary or other proper officer for the time being of Assistance Dogs Australia Limited shall be a full discharge for my trustees for the bequest."

For more information contact our Bequest Officer

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Thank you!



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