



BC & ALBERTA GUIDE DOGS



2022-2023

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR & CEO



As we look back on the last fiscal year, one highlight helps define our mission.

In late April, the Guide Dog community descended on Vancouver. Organizations from 30 countries brought their knowledge and their willingness to learn and grow.

BC & Alberta Guide Dogs was proud to play host to the bi-annual International Guide Dog Federation Conference. It was truly an honour to play host, but even more satisfying knowing our global community stands ready to grow, share knowledge, and build a better foundation for the next generation.

To expand, we must continually strive to meet the demand for Guide and Service Dogs. To accomplish this, investments in our future must meet the need. Through our loyal supporters, volunteers, and staff we were able to weather the financial storms brought on by a global pandemic. As we round the corner and see the fruits of our hard work pay off, we know we can't let up.

Across the globe, non-profits fight for every square inch they are given. As the IGDF Conference showed, when we work together towards a common goal, those square inches can quickly become miles on the journey to success. Our supporters and volunteers across BC and Alberta continually push us to do better.

From the health and welfare of the dogs in our breeding program to the care and compassion our Whelpers, Puppy Raisers, and Adult Dog Boarders, the desire to meet and exceed the standards established by the International Guide Dog Federation and Assistance Dogs International is paramount to us.

By building a global community of partners, we can ensure success to communities across BC and Alberta. The enclosed financial highlights show that revenue for the year ended June 30, 2023 amounted to \$2,878,340. This was up approximately \$214,398 from 2022. Expenses amounted to \$2,655,984 resulting in a surplus of \$222,356.

Thank you to everyone who makes BC & Alberta Guide Dogs a part of their lives. We succeed when we come together for a common purpose, both locally and globally.



Linda Reid, Chair



William S. Thornton, CEO

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# MISSION

The mission of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs is to meet the demand for professionally trained Guide Dogs, Autism Service Dogs, and OSI-PTSD Service Dogs for citizens of British Columbia and Alberta.

At all times we meet or exceed International Standards as established by the International Guide Dog Federation and Assistance Dogs International.



A BRIGHTER



# FUTURE

THANK YOU FROM BC & ALBERTA GUIDE DOGS PATRON,  
**LEAH MEEKER**

The continued success of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs never fails to put a smile on my face. Both Howie and I treasured the time we were able to spend with your organization. It always lifted our spirits being surrounded by such a supportive community. The dedicated staff, the selfless volunteers, and the generosity of the supporters from both BC and Alberta is testament to the important work being done.

The march of time has caught up to me, as travel to one of my favourite events is no longer possible. While I can't attend the annual London Drugs Golf for Guide Dogs tournament,

both Howie and I will always be there in spirit. For the past 26 years, you may gather for golf, but more importantly, you unite as one for a common goal.

The honour of being a Patron of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs is a blessing and I want to thank everyone who helps to continue to build towards a brighter future.

With your unwavering support, I know we can make meaningful changes in the lives of people, one dog at a time.

Leah Meeker



VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY



# DELIVERS RESULTS

Our Puppy Raisers and Adult Dog Boarders open their hearts and homes to our young dogs in training, providing them with love, socialization, and basic obedience skills. This crucial early development stage sets the foundation for a Guide or Service Dog's success in their future role.

The bond formed between volunteers and our dogs is a testament to the strength of the community, creating a lasting connection that goes beyond the training period.

Volunteers also play an essential role in the training process. From basic obedience to advanced skills, trainers dedicate their time to ensuring that future Guide and Service dogs are well-prepared for their important role in enhancing the independence

BC & Alberta Guide Dogs relies heavily on community support for its operations. These events not only raise funds but also bring supporters together, creating a sense of camaraderie and shared purpose.

The sense of community fostered by volunteers extends beyond their specific roles. Through shared experiences, whether it's attending events, participating in training sessions, or simply spending time with fellow volunteers, a sense of unity is created. This interconnectedness strengthens the core connections of supporters, creating a network that is resilient and adaptable.

Volunteers are the unsung heroes who breathe life into the mission. Through their unwavering commitment and passion, these individuals strengthen the core connections of supporters, creating a community that is not only focused on training guide dogs but also on supporting each other. In the collaborative efforts of volunteers, the true spirit of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs shines through, transforming lives and fostering a sense of purpose and connection that goes far beyond the training of guide dogs.

# OUR DOGS & VOLUNTEERS

## GUIDING THE WAY



**98** PUPPY  
RAISERS  
IN BC & ALBERTA



**3,600** PUPPY  
CLASSES  
ATTENDED BY VOLUNTEERS



**1,102** BAGS  
OF DOG FOOD CONSUMED



### DOG DATA

**WORKING AGE** 20 MONTHS - 10 YEARS

**DOGS LIFESPAN** 11-14 YEARS



**65-75** LBS  
WEIGHT



**22.5 - 24.5** INCH  
HEIGHT



## WILLS & LEGACY GIFTS

WE ARE HONoured TO RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING ESTATE GIFTS:

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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

BRITISH COLUMBIAGUIDE DOG SERVICES  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

## RESULTS FOR THE YEAR:

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Revenues	2,878,340	2,663,942	2,597,002	2,222,971	1,840,028
Fundraising activities expenses	406,004	321,020	243,838	387,899	386,195
Training/client services expenses	1,798,311	1,385,250	1,151,911	1,505,603	1,376,237
Administrative expenses	451,669	273,260	176,633	224,892	286,246
Total expenses	2,655,984	1,979,530	1,572,382	2,118,394	2,048,678
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	222,356	684,412	1,024,620	104,577	(208,650)
Transfer to capital fund	21,098	13,838	59,963	61,680	25,413
Transfer to (from) endowment funds	-	-	7,526	-	-

## YEAR END:

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Operating/gaming fund cash/investments net of bank indebtedness	2,033,118	1,768,135	1,130,469	179,007	337,768
Endowment fund and internally restricted fund investments	99,297	99,297	99,297	91,771	91,771
V. Adams fund cash/investments	275,854	381,204	806,350	1,064,721	1,273,774
Fisher fund investments	88,228	88,228	88,228	88,228	98,228
Capital assets at cost	2,061,688	2,057,987	2,063,579	1,470,789	1,470,789
Total assets	4,558,185	4,394,851	4,187,923	3,568,750	2,807,460
Accounts payable and payroll liabilities	123,988	81,610	60,452	63,411	115,165
Deferred contributions	1,420,569	1,521,969	2,020,611	2,292,164	1,520,164
Net assets	3,013,628	2,791,272	2,106,860	1,074,714	970,137

A complete set of financial statements audited by Crowe MacKay LLP is available upon request.

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