

# Vision Australia Seeing Eye Dogs Impact Report 2024-25

The 2024-25 financial year was significant for Seeing Eye Dogs, full of achievements that wouldn't have been possible without the support of people like you!

We matched 43 handlers with a Seeing Eye Dog making it the fifth straight year that more than 40 handlers and dogs were matched. We had 258 active handlers across Australia over the year, a record-breaking amount for Seeing Eye Dogs.

We kept the waiting time for a Seeing Eye Dog to four months and also produced more than 200 puppies.

We celebrated the 65th anniversary of Seeing Eye Dogs, recognising the history of our organisation and decades of Seeing Eye Dogs for people who are blind or have low vision.

We also kept Seeing Eye Dogs moving forward, with our wheelchair program becoming a permanent addition, and expanding our Seeing Eye Dog roadshow events to spread the word about our amazing dogs to even more people.

Each and every Seeing Eye Dog partnership takes a lot of time and effort – and we couldn't do it without you!

## Angela and Seeing Eye Dog Yuki were matched in May 2025

Angela was diagnosed with platineal retinopathy at age 56, an eye condition that can lead to gradual vision loss. Three years after that diagnosis, she was matched with Yuki.

"I no longer feel anxious travelling. She's so calm and she is a quick learner. I only have to take her to a new place once and she is able to take me there again the next time," Angela said.

"If it happens to be wet out, I notice she takes a different route, ensuring I didn't walk into puddles."

"She's a love sponge, totally loving, and a great partner. Seeing Eye Dogs really paired us well," Angela said.



## A look at what your support makes possible

It costs more than \$50,000 to breed, raise and train every Seeing Eye Dog and we couldn't do that without the generosity of supporters like you.

Here's a quick look at some of what you've made possible in FY25!

**258**

active Seeing Eye Dog  
handlers

**43**

new Seeing Eye Dogs  
matched with handlers

**200+**

puppies produced to  
enter the Seeing Eye  
Dogs program



The Seeing Eye Dogs graduation is one of the most important days on our calendar.

We were thrilled to again bring handlers, staff, supporters and volunteers together to celebrate 43 life changing Seeing Eye Dog partnerships we made in FY25.

As the only national trainer of dog guides in Australia, we pride ourselves on bringing our community together and the graduation connected sites all across Australia.

The graduation recognises the special partnership between handler and Seeing Eye Dog, but also the contributions supporters make towards the journey of a Seeing Eye Dog.

"Not only do Seeing Eye Dogs provide our clients with independence through mobility, the companionship between a Seeing Eye Dog and their handler is truly special," Lester Chraim, Seeing Eye Dogs Client Services Manager, said.

"Thanks to our team and the world-class training they provide, our Seeing Eye Dogs empower our clients to do the things they want and need to do.

"What's also special to see are the connections that our Seeing Eye Dog handlers make with each other."