## PEOPLE, DOGS AND CANES

## OBJECTIVES

## MAKING PEOPLE UNSTOPPABLE

## CANE TRAVEL

## PROS & CONS

## GUIDE DOG TRAVEL

## PROS AND CONS

## CANE VS. GUIDE DOG

* Cane can be left in a corner
* Tactile
* Low maintenance
* No clean up
* Low social interaction
* Low cost
* Does not provide companionship

## REQUIRED O&M SKILLS

* Confidence in independent travel
* Good orientation & problem-solving skills
* Ability to travel without relying solely on tactile feedback
* Understanding of time/distance/rate
* Ability to detect flat/blended curbs
* Ability to analyze intersections and cross safely

## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

* Are you an independent cane traveler?
* Do you have good orientation skills?
* Are you able to analyze traffic patterns at a variety of intersections and cross safely?
* Do you have functional residual vision?

Do you willingly travel in adverse weather?

* Are you emotionally mature and psychologically stable?

## QUESTIONS TO ASKYOURSELF Continued

* Are you capable of exercising good problem-solving skills when faced with an unusual situation?
* Are you cognitively and physically capable of handling and walking with a guide dog?
* Why do you want a guide dog?
* Are your family and/or school/workplace supportive and safe?
* Do you have a higher level of independent daily living skills?

## 12. ORIENTATION & MOBILITY TRAINING

## 13. O&M TRAINING OPTIONS

* Introduction to O&M
* O&M Brush-Up
* O&M for Guide Dog Readiness
* Advanced O&M

## GUIDE DOG TRAINING

## GUIDE DOG TRAINING Continued

* On-Campus Training
* In Home Delivery
* Flex
* Adaptive Services

## 16. DEEP DIVE INTO TRAINING

* Phases of Training
* Blindfolded Evaluations
* Advanced Training

## 17. IGDF Standards

## 18. LEADER DOG ADDITIONAL STANDARDS

* Independent self-care skills
* Socially appropriate behavior
* Solid work ethic
* years or older
* Seizure free for at least 6 months

## 19. ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

* years old or older
* Legally blind (minor exceptions)
* Able to administer own medications and self-care skills
* 6 months seizure free
* Able to walk for 30 minutes sustained at least 4 times

## 20. APPLICATION PROCESS

* Application
* Consent to Release
* Medical Evaluation
* Vision Evaluation
* References
* Travel Video
* Admissions Committee determines approval

## 21. HOW TO APPLY

* Client Services Department [ClientServices@LeaderDog.org](mailto:ClientServices@LeaderDog.org)
* (888) 777-5332
* Website https://[www.leaderdog.org/apply/](http://www.leaderdog.org/apply/)

## 22. GRADUATE PERSPECTIVE

## 23. ORIENTATION & MOBILITY TRAINING

## 24. VIRTUAL LEARNING

## 25. CONTACT INFORMATION

## 26. THANK YOU!

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