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Benefits of an Autism Support Dog may include:

- Increases safety for the child
- Helps parents control the child by commanding the dog
- Teaches the child responsibility
- Helps bring positive changes in the child's behavior
- Lowers the child's frustration levels
- Comforts the child when he or she is upset
- Helps parents obtain a degree of predictability in social settings for the child and themselves

* The benefits of an Autism Support Dog partnership are as unique as the character of each child with autism.



AUTISM SUPPORT DOGS

For more information about:

- Getting an Autism Support Dog
- Helping us fund more Autism Support Dogs

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Launched in 2008 by BC Guide Dog Services, in partnership with the Victor and Anna Kern Foundation, the Vandekerkhove Family Foundation, the Diamond Foundation, and Variety – The Children's Charity, we are thrilled to have placed 11 dogs so far, and are working hard to expand our program to serve more families.

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**MAX AND FOREST,
OUR FIRST TEAM!**

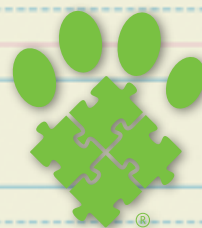


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Our Autism Support Dog program matches a fully-trained dog, free of charge, to parents and their autistic child, then trains and supports them to ensure the dog is an excellent fit with the family and that it works to the best of its abilities to give the family new freedom.



Some autistic children struggle with mobility issues; some lack awareness of everyday dangers and tend to bolt; others feel overwhelmed in crowded or busy situations. Parents may feel anxious or embarrassed, even during ordinary life tasks like grocery shopping.

"We can't thank Autism Support Dogs enough for this tremendous program."

— Kristen
(Dylan's mom)

An Autism Support Dog allows the child to participate in education, social and leisure activities as having the dog nearby gives the child comfort and reduces the stress the child feels. Moreover, the dog helps keep the child safe, and brings his or her parents peace of mind. Our dogs become an integral part of the family; one family of five went to Disneyland this summer, their first-ever holiday together as a family, and their autistic child and Autism Support Dog even rode on the rides together!

TESTIMONIALS

Our Autism Support Dog Program aims to improve the quality of life of families with autistic children. Here's how it's going so far...

MAYA AND PEPE BY NICOLE, MAYA'S MOM

"PePe has brought joy and friendship to Maya as well as increased her safety. PePe is exactly what our family needed—she's that extra set of hands that we always knew would make life much easier."

MAX AND FOREST BY KIM, MAX'S MOM

"Three years ago I would never have imagined myself walking [with Max] down the main concourse of Pacific Coliseum between periods of a Giants game...Now [Max] walks [with Forest] down the crowded middle, head up and smiles from ear to ear."

ARGUS AND OLIVE BY EMMA, OLIVE'S MOM



"Olive is 4 1/2 years old now and just completed her first grocery shopping trip walking beside me rather than needing the comfort of the seat in the shopping cart; this was a huge achievement for her."

DYLAN AND LOGAN
BY KRISTEN, DYLAN'S
MOM

"Now Dylan is able to walk freely while attached with a strap connecting his belt to Logan. We have also noticed an improvement in Dylan's social and behaviour skills; he has an unconditional friend and looks forward to seeing Logan on a daily basis."



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