Thanks to your support, Seeing Eye Dogs has continued to change the lives of people who are blind or have low vision across Australia.

In the last financial year, the generosity of people like you has helped another 44 people to be matched with a Seeing Eye Dog, while more than 200 puppies born in that time entered the Seeing Eye Dogs program.

Each Seeing Eye Dog represents a huge investment of time, money and effort. It takes around two years and $50,000 to develop and train a Seeing Eye Dog before they are ready to change the lives of their handler.

Your support also means we’re able to continue to improve the Seeing Eye Dogs program, now and into the future. In the last year, your support has helped us expand our puppy caring and training program into New South Wales, while we also piloted a bushwalking program for Seeing Eye Dog handlers. We’ve also launched a new animal welfare strategy and continued the refurbishment of our kennels at Seeing Eye Dogs HQ in Melbourne to ensure all our dogs are happy and healthy.

This wouldn’t be possible without supporters like you. Thank you!

**How you helped Seeing Eye Dogs in 2022-23**

**Handler and Seeing Eye Dog partnerships**

200+

handlers and their Seeing Eye Dogs were supported.

Seven months

average wait time for a Seeing Eye Dog.

44

new Seeing Eye Dogs matched and graduated with handlers.
After being matched together in February 2023, Michelle and Seeing Eye Dog Mirla have become “inseparable.”

A long-time cane user, Michelle said she noticed a deterioration in her vision that prompted her to apply for a Seeing Eye Dog and she and Mirla haven’t taken a backward step.

“Mirla just brings a lot of joy to my life. She’s like she’s my child and all the grandkids love her as well and she definitely brings some companionship,” Michelle said.

“Most importantly she’s enriched my life. I’ve developed so much more confidence to get out and about in the community and she gives me a whole lot more independence in that respect.”

Developing and training Seeing Eye Dogs like Mirla is a big job, and one that couldn’t be done without the support of people like you!

Thank you for helping us provide Seeing Eye Dogs like Mirla to people who are blind or have low vision across Australia!