

Leader Dogs for the Blind April 2019 Newsletter

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LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS –2019

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND: YOUR LOCAL LIONS RESOURCE

There are 1.3 million people in the United States that are considered legally blind. Each year 75, 000 more people become legally blind. Of this number

only 10% travel independently with a white cane or guide dog. Together, Lions and Leader Dog serve this population.

We often hear the comment “Our club only supports local services.” While our campus is located in Rochester Hills, Michigan, we serve and support clients

in your local communities throughout the United States, Canada and beyond.

In FY 2017-18, Leader Dog served 184 clients with guide dogs

list of 7 items

- 21 clients received home delivery training
- 10 clients are Deaf-Blind(see picture at right)
- 58% were new clients and 42% were returning clients
- 47% of guide dog clients listed themselves as unemployed, 47% as employed, 13% as students and 10% as retired
- The leading cause of blindness listed by guide dog clients is retinitis pigmentosa,second is glaucoma.
- Eleven guide dog clients this year are U.S. Armed Forces veterans.
- Lions clubs assisted 56clients with their Leader Dog applications.

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IN EVERY LEADER DOG

LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

UNIQUE PROGRAMS AT LEADER DOG

WAYS TO KEEP IN TOUCH

(AND SEE CUTE PUPPY PICTURES)

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FollowTheLeader.png

BeOfService.png

A person holding a dog

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Quiet cars, public transportation, hustle and bustle of crowded streets. These are environments many of our clients experience. In response, Leader Dog

offers an urban setting training in Chicago and for our “mild climate” clients a warm weather training in Naples, Florida every year.

ABOVE: Guide Dog Mobility Instructor Jenny Sanderson and LD client Jill (MD-11, Michigan) use American Sign Language to communicate with Leader Dog Twinkie

while training in Naples, FL..

CELEBRATING 80 YRS

LEADER DOG ANNIVERSARY

Did you know we are celebrating our 80th anniversary this year? Founded by three Lions, the first class graduated in October 1939 at the cost of \$600 per

client/dog team. Clients were charged \$150, a practice that was ended in 1958 when we made our services free of charge to clients, opening the door to

everyone in need regardless of ability to pay. All services are still provided free of charge –thanks Lions, Lioness and Leos!

A close up of a sign

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