

My Star

How a guide dog changed my life.

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History of guide dogs

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MORRIS FRANK

*co-founder of the first
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"The Seeing Eye".*



DOROTHY EUSTIS

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Blind Veterans in 1920 from World War # I. in the German
government Training School for Guide Dogs in OLDENBURG.
The first class trained by X Captain L.A. KREIMER
founder and head of the German Government from 1919 to 1929
14 blind world war Veterans
1 blind nurse and
15 trainers standing back, also Captain L.A. KREIMER

World War I veterans pose for a photo at the German government's Training School for Guide Dogs (1920).

What breeds make
good guide dogs?



Brussels Griffon



Cairn Terrier



Cavalier King Charles Spaniel



Chihuahua



Chinese Crested Dog
(Hairless)



Chinese Crested Dog
(Powderpuff)



Chinese Temple Dog



Coton de tular



Czech Terrier
(Cesky Terrier/ Bohemian Terrier)



Dachshund



Dandie Dinmont Terrier



English Toy Spaniel



German Hunting Terrier



Griffon Brabancon



Hairless Dog



Italian Greyhound



Jack Russel Terrier



Japanese Spaniel (Chin)



Japanese Spitz



Lakeland Terrier



Lhasa Apso



Little Lion Dog



Maltese



Manchester Terrier



Miniature Pinscher



Miniature Schnauzer



Norfolk Terrier



Norwich Terrier



Norwegian Lundehund



Papillon



Pekingese



Pomeranian



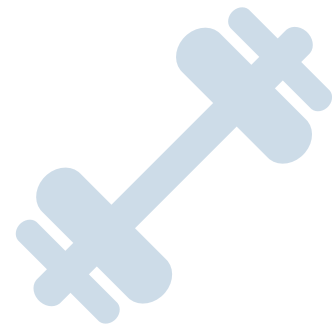
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**Friendly and
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**Strong and
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**Smart and easy
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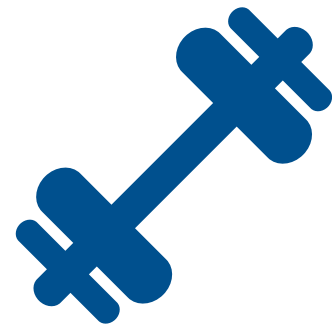


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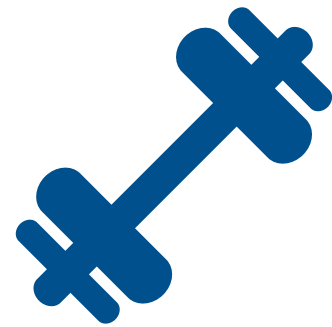


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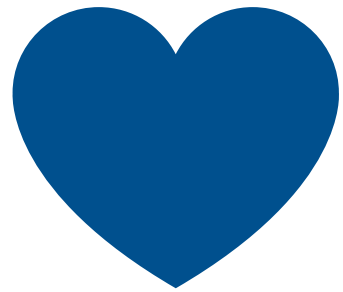


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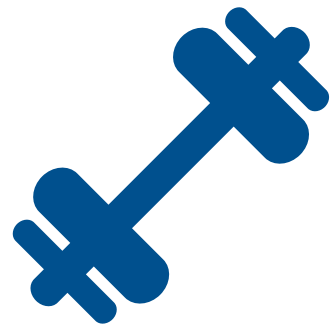


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The process for training a guide dog

Training timeline

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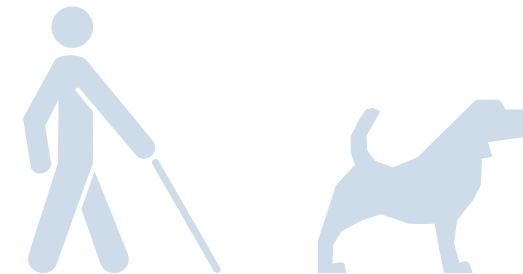
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On site training

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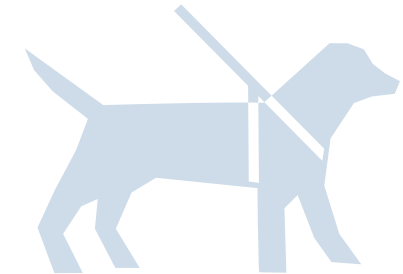
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Paired with person

Dogs who have completed training are matched with a blind individual.

STEP 4

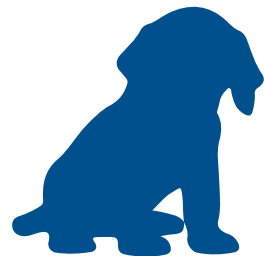


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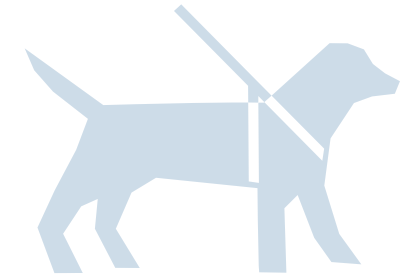
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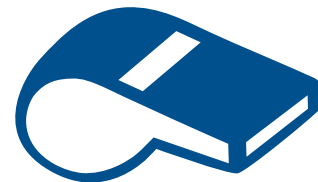
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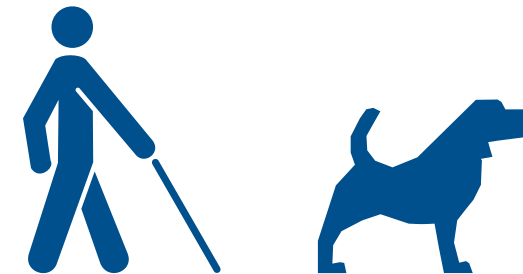
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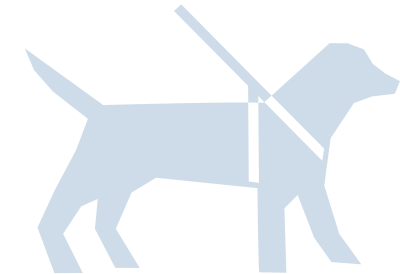
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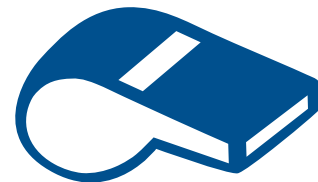
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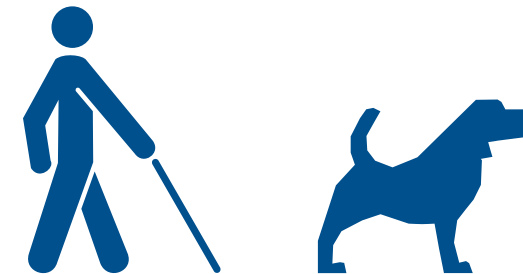
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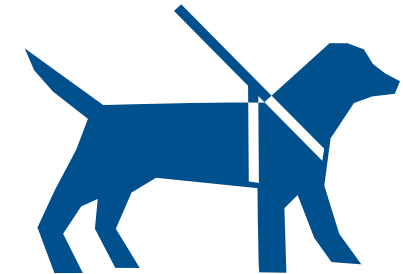
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DID YOU KNOW?

Guide dogs can't read
traffic lights



So, what can
guide dogs do?

Turn left
or right on
command

Start or halt
on command

Perform
advanced
obedience
exercises

Increase or
decrease speed
on command

Stop for
changes in
elevation such
as steps

Stopping
at street
crossings

Walking in a
straight line

Respond to
obstacles in
their path

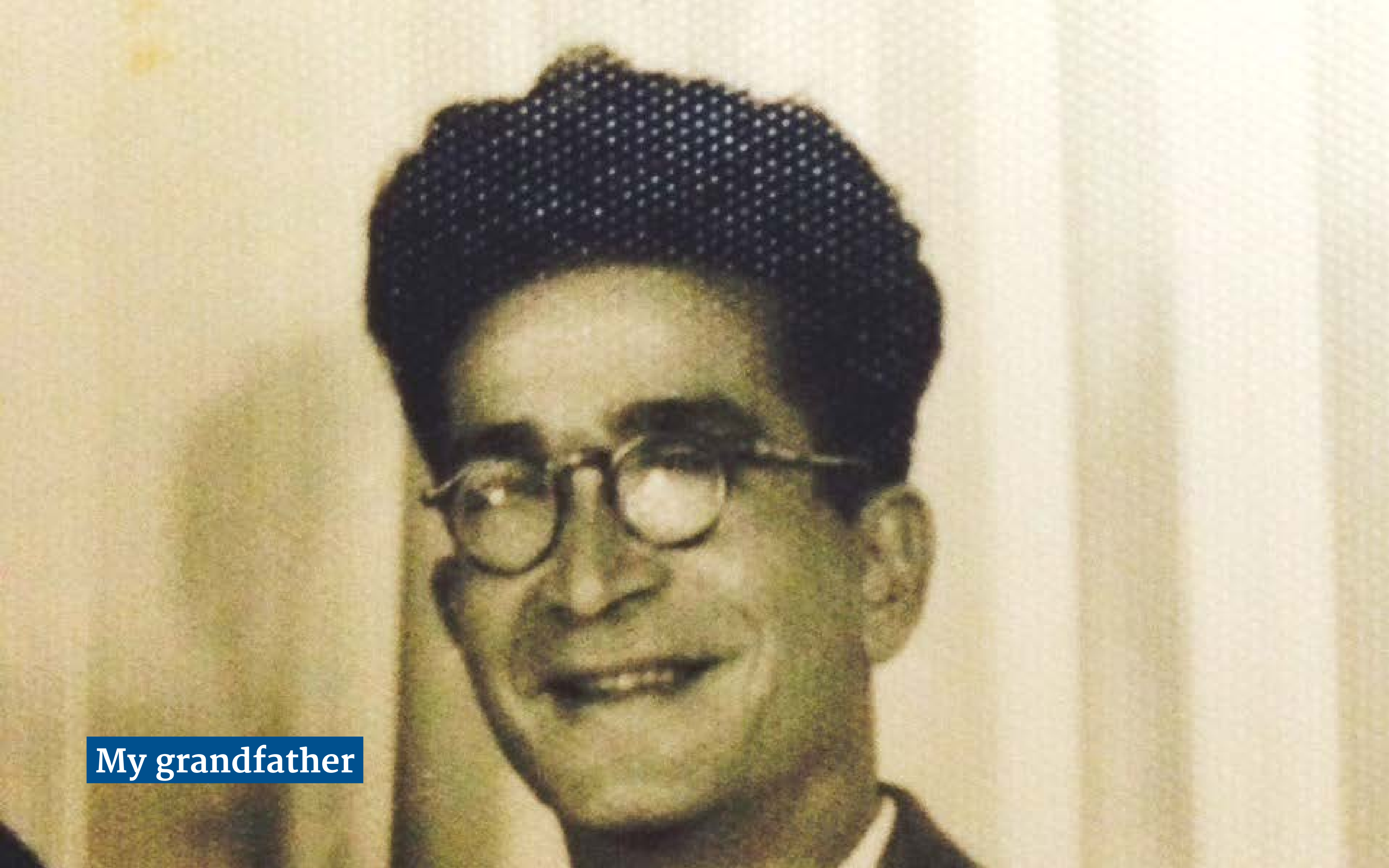
Slow down
in any case
of a hazard

Ignore
distractions
such as dogs,
people and food

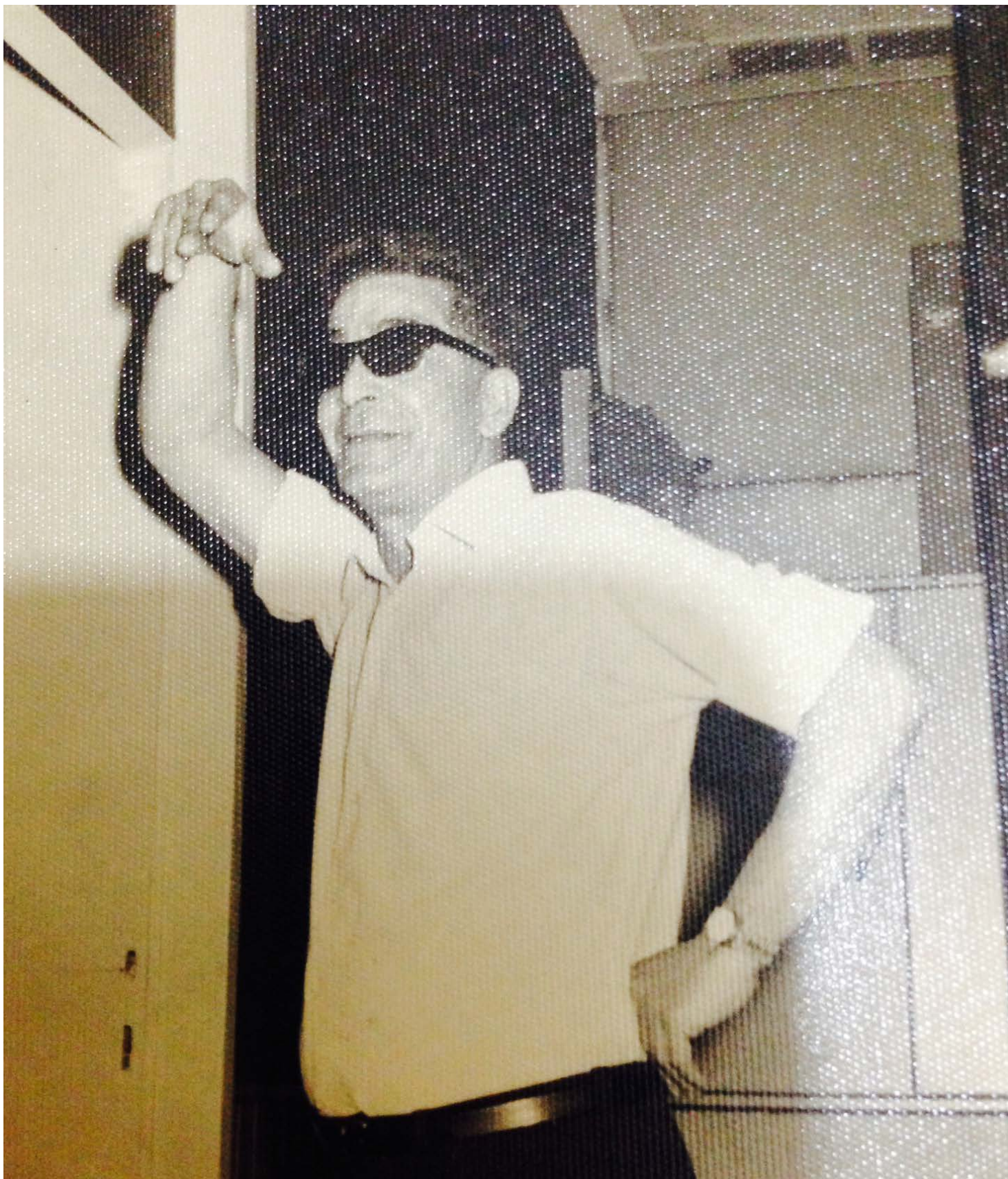
Refusing to
proceed when
a situation is
unsafe

Stay loyal to
their owners

How did I get
involved with the
Blind community?



My grandfather



This is Star



The day I got him
he weighed 6.3 lbs.
and looked like
this



Guide dogs in
training go
everywhere with
their trainers

To coffee shops...



... to the airport...



... and even to university



Like any other
puppy, they love
to eat and they
love your stuff.







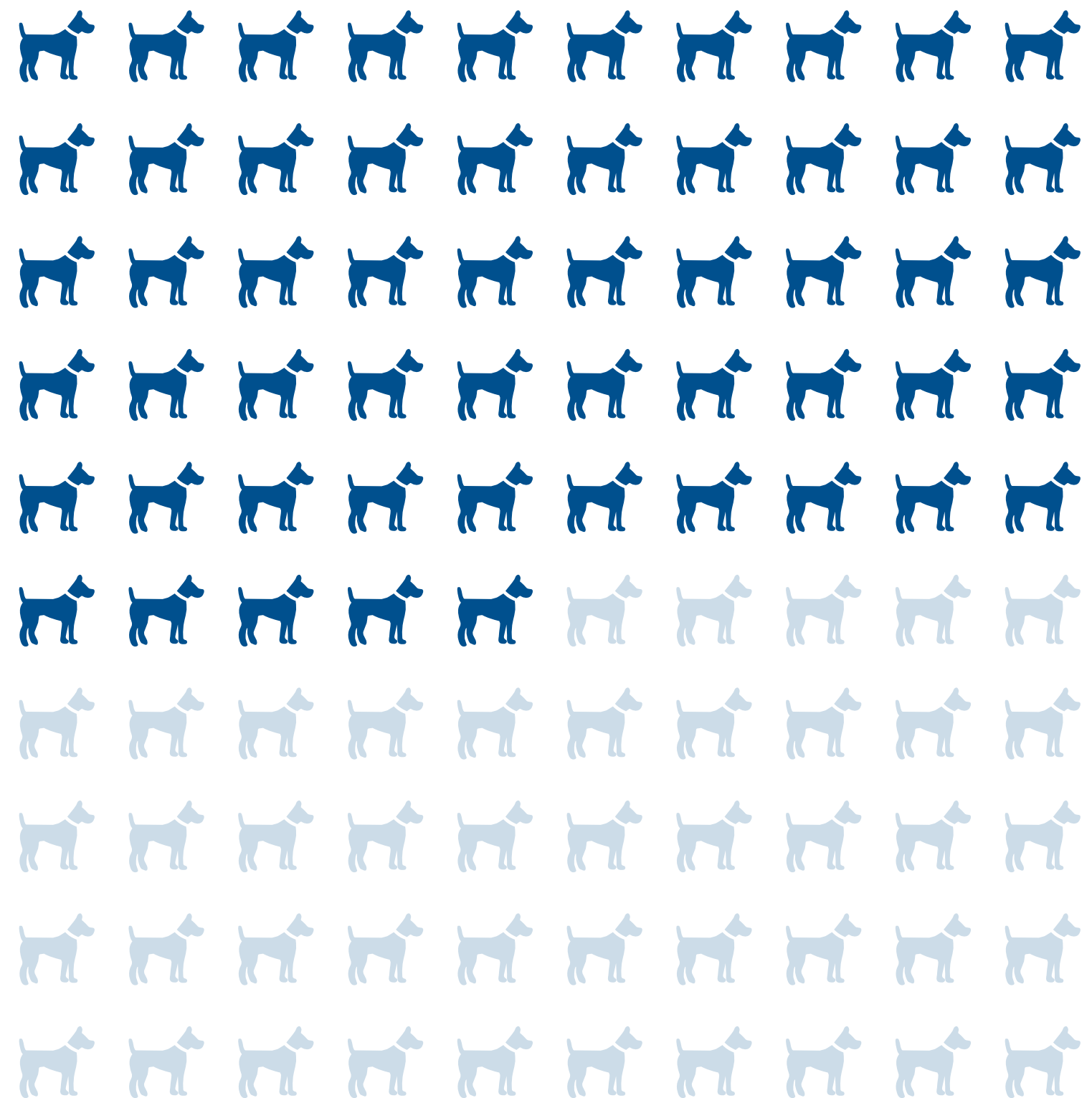


When in training,
the puppies wear
a vest so that
people know they
are working dogs





Only 55% of
guide dogs in
training end
up working as
assistive dogs



So what happens with the
45% who don't make it?



Jewish Institute for the Blind, Jerusalem



Notarius Family



Gideon, age 8
Autism (severe)





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Thank you

