



# LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

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## TRAVELING IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT



In 2013, Leader Dog conducted our first urban travel guide dog class in Chicago. Designed for people who live, work or travel in large city environments, this specially focused training helps clients and their Leader Dogs learn how to safely navigate crowded streets, subways, elevated trains and other elements unique to large cities.

Catalina Martinez lives in downtown Minneapolis which is quite busy, so training in Chicago was very helpful for her and her Leader Dog Elroy. Especially learning how to safely navigate street construction. "Minneapolis is just finishing remodeling the downtown for the Super Bowl in February. Elroy's an expert at moving through the construction—orange cones, broken cement, temporary sidewalks and having to go into the street.

Like all Leader Dog's programs, Urban Environment training is provided free of charge to clients thanks in part to the continued support of Lions.



Catalina Martinez and Leader Dog Elroy train in Chicago under the supervision of Guide Dog Mobility Instructor Jamie Tegal.



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LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

## CLUB HIGHLIGHT

Our First Ever Leo's Top Dog Club

The Walkersville Leo Club (District 22-W) set a goal to raise \$2,000 for Leader Dog through their first Dinner in the Dark fundraiser. With the support of the Glade Valley Lions Club and their local town government, both financially and through attendance at the event, the Leos ended up making a \$9,527.13 donation to Leader Dog's annual fund!

Lion Jennifer Smith, who is also a LDB puppy raiser, stated, "[This] wonderful group of kids were so excited they oozed energy everywhere they went." Obviously, that energy was contagious.

We congratulate them for becoming our first Leo's Top Dog Club!

## LIONS IMPACT ON LEADER DOG

CLIENTS REFERRED BY LIONS in 2017

- 55 Guide Dog clients
- 6 O&M clients
- 1 Summer Experience camper

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about our programs, please contact our client services department at 888.777.5332

## RECOGNITION

Celebrate a Lion with something special—a LIMITED EDITION Centennial Founders Tribute Plaque. **Centennial offer ends June 30!**

- Bronze - \$ 500
- Silver - 1,000
- Gold - 2,500

For more information contact Kathy Gilchrist, Lions relations specialist, at 248.659.5012.



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