

**LEADER DOG COMMITTEE**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Leader Dog Committee is to coordinate within the District all Leader Dog activity in securing a Leader Dog for a legally blind person. They must be knowledgeable of the requirements established by the Leader Dog School for the Blind for their students.

**GENERAL:**

The Committee (consisting of a chairperson and five (5) Lions: one from each Region) shall work with the District Governor to assist with the responsibilities to provide a Leader Dog Program for the District. Its specific responsibilities shall be to:

1. Be willing and available to travel within the District to give assistance to individuals interested in obtaining a Leader Dog.

A. Complete an application and forward it to Leader Dog School.

B. If the applicant is accepted as a student, to make travel reservations.

C. If needed, provide or see that transportation is provided to the point of departure and pick up the student when he/she returns home after training.

D. If possible, keep in touch with relatives or next of kin while the student is at the school to see how they are progressing and to learn their arrival time when returning home. If possible, even though you do not provide transportation, make an effort to meet the individual when they arrive at the airport or bus terminal. Inform the District Governor of the time and place of arrival since he may also wish to welcome them home. If you are not able to meet them, visit their home as soon as you can to congratulate them and learn of their experiences at the school.

2. Provide programs for Clubs within the District to continually promote the efforts of Leader Dog School.

3. Encourage and solicit funds and/or contributions for the Lions to maintain the District's efforts in support of the Leader Dog School.

4. Provide updated reports to the District at Cabinet Meetings.