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Welcome to BC & Alberta Guide Dogs Puppy Sponsorship Program!

On behalf of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs it is my great pleasure to introduce you to our newest sponsorship puppy **Lucky!**

Born to proud parents Star & Emmett on January 31st, Lucky is part of a healthy but hefty litter of **10 yellow male** puppies! This pack of platinum pups were hard to tell apart at first but within a few days Lucky made his presence known through his ability to surf over the crowd and wiggle into a prime location at mealtimes. Being a very relaxed and laid-back bunch, his brothers Nelson, Archie, Hugo, Fallon, Willie, Kipper, Billoth, Vesper, and Darcy were always more amused than annoyed at his ability to outmaneuver them.

Named by a generous friend of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs, Lucky's good fortune includes adopting an experienced Puppy Raising family in Calgary. This active, retired couple just recently bid a loving farewell to BCAGD pup River who moved up to the Advanced Training program and they are excited to help prepare Lucky to follow in his pawprints. Lucky's training ground will include a local community lake that is a year-round gathering and recreation site for families of all sizes. The couple are regulars on the trails around Fish Creek Park and enjoy having the excuse of training a puppy to attend a wide variety of live events in their home city.



With his natural intelligence and gentle ways Lucky is bound to make friends with the neighbours and his human parent's grand-dog, Cooper, who will be sure to come by and visit regularly. He bonded quickly with his Puppy Raiser mom and dad and has fit in so well that he's already sleeping through the night and has claimed a favourite spot where he can watch the kitchen activity from a safe distance and enjoy the sunshine when it comes through the window.

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Lucky's early training will familiarize him with crowds, elevators, escalators, construction activity, and public transit wearing his **BC & Alberta Guide Dogs Puppy in Training jacket**. This jacket will gain Lucky access to anywhere humans can go. He will learn to stop and sit at every curb, staircase, and door. He is also learning to ring a bell when he needs to go outside and wait for a whistle to be blown before he eats his meals. This is all part of the discipline training necessary to establish good behaviors from the start.

Lucky will also attend weekly obedience classes with other puppies in the training program and regular one-to-one training sessions with BC & Alberta Guide Dog's Training Instructor.

We recognize that each puppy has its own personality and talents and not all pups are suited for a career as a Guide Dog, Autism Service Dog, or OSI-PTSD Service Dog. Should Lucky not move forward in our training program, we will place him in a forever home that positively benefits his needs and the recipient's needs. We will then transfer your sponsorship to another puppy, often a sibling or a puppy of a similar age.

We look forward to sharing Lucky's training journey with you! As he grows, he will be sending you regular updates about how his training is progressing. We anticipate his graduation from the training program around the time he is approximately two years old. Throughout this time, Lucky will be continually evaluated for his final career path as a Guide Dog for someone who is blind or visually impaired, as an Autism Service Dog for a young child with autism, or as a Service Dog offering a reprieve to a Veteran or First Responder living with an Operational Stress Injury such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Thank you again for your participation in this life-changing journey!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Goodall".

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