Established in 1942, Guide Dogs for the Blind’s mission is to place guide dogs with people who are blind and visually impaired. GDB also believes that our career change dogs change lives, too. All of these dogs are great companions. Some go on to other careers as service dogs, search and rescue dogs, medical alert dogs, therapy dogs and other roles.

Guide Dogs for the Blind and DoveLewis are working together to provide animal-assisted therapy services to the local community through Portland Area Canine Therapy Teams (PACTT). Certified PACTT teams provide people with the therapeutic benefit of positive interactions with dogs in a variety of settings within 50 miles of Portland. Facilities visited include: hospitals, senior homes, residential treatment centers, libraries, schools, hospice facilities, physical rehabilitation clinics, and court rooms.

Therapy teams are comprised of Career Change and Retired dogs from Guide Dogs for the Blind and their handlers. Whether providing companionship for lonely seniors, a set of patient, neutral ears to young children learning to read, or support to those experiencing a crisis, or affection and stress relief to patients, PACTT teams give furry, supportive companionship.

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