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Lions Foundation of Canada.

The permits for the new national Dog Guide training school have been received! Work on the new training school has officially begun with excavation in preparation to pour the foundation in a few months. Lions Clubs have already contributed \$3.2 million towards the new national training school

For an individual with a Dog Guide, who relies on their canine partner, the shock is magnified. Sandy's Dog Guide Caydi needed dental surgery, but she couldn't cover the costs. Thankfully, Lions stepped up and supported. With a co-operative effort, Westbank Lions Club, Okanagan Mission Lions Club, and Peachland Lions Club were able to cover the entire medical bill.

A blind senior in Vernon was looking for a way home but ended up abandoned, with only his service dog to lead the way. Someone call him a cab from Vernon Taxi for a ride home. When the driver arrived, they told the gentleman his dog would not be able to enter the vehicle as he was allergic to dogs. The second driver couldn't find the house, he drove around and finally drove down one street and dropped the gentleman off at a house and it was the wrong house, but he took off and left him on the side of the road.

Once he was dropped off, he initially didn't know he wasn't home. It wasn't until he walked into his carport where he felt unfamiliar things around him, that he realized he was lost and he turned to Dodger. He put Dodger's harness back on him and told Dodger to find a way home and he brought him home. He estimates he and Dodger walked three blocks to get home, and he's thankful that Dodger was familiar with the area where they were dropped off.

The annual day for the Walk for Dog Guides is Sunday in May 26 so far 3 clubs from district I are registered for the walk - 100 Mile House, Enderby and Oliver.

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