

**The International Association of Lions Clubs**  
**District 14B - Policy No. 309**

**Policy to Define the Duties of the Leader Dog Chairperson**

**PURPOSE:** To coordinate within the District all Leader Dog activity in securing a Leader Dog for a legally blind person. He/she must be knowledgeable of the requirements established by the Leader Dog School for the Blind and their students.

**GENERAL:** The Chairperson shall work with the District Governor to assist him with the responsibilities to provide a Leader Dog Program for the District. His/her 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.  
Such assistance is:
  - A. Completing application and forwarding it to Leader Dog School.
  - B. If accepted as a student, to make travel reservations.
  - C. If needed, provide or see that transportation is provided to point of departure and pick up when student returns home after training.
  - D. Solicit a club for transportation funding in the area the candidate may reside. If there is no club in the area or a club is unable to provide the funding, the Chairperson may use funds in the District Leader Dog transportation fund with the approval of the Governor.
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 update reports to the District at Cabinet Meetings.

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