



When you join the **BIG DOGS** Prison Pup Partners you become an active part of Saint Francis Service Dog's vision to engage, empower and transform the lives of people with disabilities. And we want to thank you for that!

As a member, you will enjoy:

- Special listing as a Big Dog Partner on our website and in our Annual Report
- A personal kennel tour for you, your family and friends
- Invitation to the Annual Big Dogs gathering
- Personal notes from Bland Puppy Raisers
- Opportunity to meet the puppies and follow their progress
- Special invitation to the annual Graduation Reception and Meet and Greet

While The **BIG DOGS** Prison Pup Partners is new, the tradition of giving to Saint Francis Service Dogs is well established. The generosity of thousands of donors has already yielded tremendous benefits for Saint Francis Service Dogs and the many people who are able to live more independent and self-sufficient lives through partnership with a professionally trained service dog.

For this we are truly grateful.



“This dog represents all that is best in man.”
- *Etienne Charlet*



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Announcing!

We are excited to announce an exclusive new giving community at Saint Francis Service Dogs –

BIG DOGS

Membership in this new leadership group is reserved for those who give generously to Saint Francis Service Dog's vital Prison Pup Program.

The **BIG DOGS** Prison Pup Partners are essential to help sustain the operations of our Prison Pup Program, a program that is critical to our mission to help children and adults with disabilities become more independent and self-sufficient through partnership with a professionally trained service dog.



A Thriving Program

The Prison Pup Program is a thriving program that began with 3 inmate puppy raisers in 2002 and today has expanded to 24 puppy raisers.

The program is a partnership between Saint Francis Service Dogs and The Virginia Department of Corrections at Bland Correctional Center, a medium-security prison that holds approximately 650 male offenders.

In addition to helping Saint Francis Service Dogs and the people we serve, the program has extraordinary benefits to the inmates and the prison as well as the broader community.

- Increased moral
- Acquired relational & vocational skills
- Improved rehabilitation
- Decrease in stress, isolation and fear
- Reduced rate of recidivism

(see the Prison Pup Program brochure for additional impact details)

Your support is crucial

With more than 170 people with disabilities waiting for a Saint Francis Service Dog, we have a critical need to raise and train more puppies. We can come closer to meeting that need with our Prison Pup Program.



What we need

It takes approximately \$60,000 to operate our Prison Pup Program each year.

Staff	\$45,000
Supplies	\$7,000
Vet Care	\$2,000
Vehicle/Travel	\$1,000
Admin/Overhead (10%)	\$5,400

Our Goal: \$300,000

With your commitment, we can help support and sustain this program for the next 5 years.

How you can help

Become a **BIG DOG**! Your leadership support of the Prison Pup Program does so much. The time and energy commitment from our 24 Bland Puppy Raisers could not be replicated outside of a prison setting with any amount of funding.

The **BIG DOGS** Prison Pup Partners help us anticipate the needs of the future and allow us to continue to immerse the puppy raisers in a rich and engaging environment while at the same time help provide specially trained dogs to support our mission.

The members of the new **BIG DOGS** Prison Pup Partners play a key role in sustaining the services that help children and adults with disabilities live vibrant and independent lives with the help of a Saint Francis Service Dog.

Along the way, we hope a true community of friends will form.