BY THE NUMBERS

The Seeing Eye, serves an average of 260* people who are blind and visually impaired each year. Individuals in training with a Seeing Eye® dog are referred to as students. Once the students complete training and return home with their dogs, they are referred to as graduates. The Seeing Eye® and Seeing Eye® are registered trademarks of The Seeing Eye, Inc.

THE PEOPLE WE EMPOWER

• 17,700+ partnerships between individuals and dogs have been created since 1929
• 1,500: approximate number of current Seeing Eye dog users in the United States and Canada
• 1/3: Approximately one-third of graduates are first time students at The Seeing Eye each year
• 25 days: length of training for first time students; 18 days: for returning students
• 12-13 classes with a maximum of 24 students are held annually (class size is 14 students with COVID-19 precautions)

OUR CANINE POPULATION

• Approximately 500* puppies are born each year
• 60%: Approx. success rate of puppies, which includes dogs that become guides or who enter breeding program. Dogs that don’t make the guide or breeding programs are called career change dogs and are placed with other service organizations, law enforcement, search & rescue agencies or adopted by the public. Career changes are not included in the success rate
• Approximately 250 dogs reside at the Washington Valley campus at any given time
• Approximately 60 adult dogs reside at the Breeding Station in Chester, N.J.
• 3 primary breeds: German shepherds, Labrador retrievers and golden retrievers; also Labrador/golden retriever crosses

BEHIND THE SCENES

• Approximately 160 staff members, with 35 full-time instructors responsible for training the dogs and instructing the students in their use and care
• In addition to approximately 500 volunteer puppy raiser families, there are 165* on-campus volunteers
• 62 acres: size of Washington Valley campus in Morris Township; 327 acres: size of Breeding Station campus in Chester.
• The Seeing Eye also leases the Jane H. Booker Student Center in downtown Morristown

DATES AND LOCATIONS

• June 11, 1928: Morris Frank and Buddy, the first Seeing Eye® dog, sailed into New York harbor. Members of the press were at the docks to greet them. Shortly after their return from training in Vevey, Switzerland, Frank and Buddy impressed skeptical reporters by crossing the busy West Street (nicknamed Death Street) in New York City.
• Jan. 29, 1929: Incorporated in Nashville, Tenn., by co-founders Morris Frank and Dorothy Harrison Eustis.
• 1931: The organization moved to Whippany, N.J., both for the climate, and better access to breeding stock.
• 1965: The Seeing Eye moved to its current headquarters in Morristown, N.J.
• 2001: Opened a breeding station in Chester, N.J., for the care and enrichment of its breeding dogs and puppies.
• 2019: Dedication of The Dr. Robert H. Harris Canine Pavilion, a state-of-the-art kennel facility
• 2020: The Seeing Eye® dog is designated the official state dog of New Jersey.

FINANCIAL FACTS

Financials based on the most recent fiscal year, which ended on Sept. 30, 2021

• $27.9 million: annual operating expenses
• $71,000: approximate cost to create each partnership
• $150: tuition for first time students; $50: tuition for returning students; $1: tuition for veterans of military service (includes providing the dog, instruction, transportation, room, board, equipment and lifetime follow-up services)
• The Seeing Eye is supported by contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations, bequests and other planned gifts. The Seeing Eye does not receive any government or insurance funding

*These numbers are annual averages, however, exact numbers for FY21 were slightly less than average due to interruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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