

## **Leader Dog Program Lions Should Help Identify Recipients**

The governors from the state of Texas, the Council Chairman spouses, and State Chairman for the Leader Dogs for the Blind PDG Jessie and Lion Al Bryan, traveled to the School to see all the workings of the system. The 14 Acres is truly a beautiful place. When you are taken for a tour of the place, you see that there is more to this school than beautiful landscape.

The most wonderful Dogs, the puppies, the Trainers, The volunteers, The staff, and then you meet the STUDENTS, when they tell you thanks, you feel sky high!!!!

*Help locate potential recipients for Leader Dogs.* This is the most important thing that we as Lions can do. While not every visually handicapped person can use a dog, those who can, should be made aware of the program and contacts made for the interview process. An individual Lion, a Club or a District can sponsor a person to Leader Dog. There is no cost to the individual, the club or the District. Over the years many Texans have received dogs through this program. Please be aware of the opportunity that we as Lions have and help bring this knowledge to those in your community that might be interested in obtaining a new or replacement dog.

This is what it is all about, Giving of our time, our money. We have so little we can do directly to help visually handicapped people, but please keep on giving. There are several ways that you can do more for them. One that I have in mind is the "Founders' Society". We have the Founder's Tribute for \$500.00, you will receive a Pin, a Chevron and Honor Role Listing, along with a Certificate of Appreciation. Partners, for \$250.00, Receive a Banner Patch, Chevron, and listing in District Governors report.

One additional phase of Leader Dog is the raising of puppies so that they can return to Leader Dog and be fully trained and matched to a visually handicapped person. There are usually 400 or so pups in various stages of rearing in order to be able to place some 325 to 350 dogs each year. Right now we have two puppies that are being raised in Texas, Ranger, and Ivy these are visiting Lions Clubs and growing up at home with PDG Lew Vail (S1) and DG Hal Griffin (E1).

If I can be of any help to anyone, please call, e-mail, or write, I will make myself available. PDG Jessie Bryan, 403 W. Buck, Caldwell,

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