

Canadian Association of Guide and Assistance Dog Schools

Canine Humane Care, Training and Treatment Policy.

The Members of the Canadian Association of Guide and Assistance Dog Schools, believe in applying appropriate Humane Care, Training and Treatment that address the individual needs of each and every dog in the care of their organizations, at all times taking in the following factors:

- Temperament
- Body Sensitivity
- Past Experience

Member Organizations may not use a device or advocate a practice of which the consequences will cause a dog pain, injury, stress or trauma. The Canadian Association of Guide and Assistance Dog Schools does not permit the use of:

- Spiked/prong collars
- Electric shock collars

Member Organizations shall also be responsible for the following:

- Ensuring that their staff and volunteers are aware of and comply with the principles of humane care, training and treatment by the provision of regular in-service meetings and discussions.
- Ensuring humane welfare of dogs accepted into their care.
- If the dog's quality of life becomes intolerable, any decision to euthanize will only be taken under the guidance of a qualified veterinarian.

This Policy of humane care, training and treatment shall be available to the public on request.