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Jason King has Redford, his Canine Vision Dog Guide. Ian Ashworth is Program Director, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Training Centre in Oakville, Ontario. Jason describes his experience with his disability and what led him to get Redford. He explains how Redford helps him and those around him with his challenges, and the things that Redford does that make the sun shine for him. Ian describes his work with Dog Guides Canada in training special skills dogs. He explains the types of challenges that the special skills dogs are trained to help with. He discusses the typical questions that h

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#### Jason King

Jason King and Redford, a three-year-old male yellow Labrador, is Jason's second Dog Guide. They have been partners for a year and a half. Jason is a member of the Peterborough Lions club, a volunteer with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, a spokesperson for Lions Foundation of Canada, and a devoted father and husband. He is happily married to his wife, Melissa. They have a 6 year old daughter Rhiannon. He's just completed the Social Service Worker Program at Fleming College, his second diploma in the Service field. He already holds a Drug and Alcohol Diploma, and has aspirations of completing both his Bachelor's degree and his Masters in Social Service studies. He wants to purs

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#### Ian Ashworth

Ian Ashworth is Program Director, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Training Centre in Oakville, Ontario. His Dog Guide career began in April 1983 as an apprentice trainer with The Guide Dogs for the Blind in the UK. He worked as a guide dog mobility instructor and then a 'Dog Supply Supervisor' for over 10 years before moving to the National Breeding centre in the UK as Deputy Breeding Manager. He says that "There was a very steep learning curve moving from training to one of the largest breeding programs in the world, breeding 1100 puppies a year!". In 1999, he became National Breeding Manager. In this position he continued to improve international collaborative dog guide breeding pr

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