

NTN Success Stories

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind

Kolby Garrison of Georgia has been blind since birth. "I've always known I wanted a dog," she says. In 2008, her dream came true when she was partnered with a guide dog from the Guide Dog Foundation. When she and a Golden Retriever named Sunny met for the first time, "I sat on the floor with her and cried." The two were a team for almost five years, throughout the young woman's college years, and Sunny was a familiar sight as she guided Garrison around campus.

After Sunny's sudden retirement, Garrison was partnered with a new guide dog in 2013 and is continuing her education. An accomplished singer, she performed the national anthem at the NASCAR History 300 race Memorial Day weekend. With her guide dog, Garrison declares, "I have so much more freedom and independence."