

My dog has lost his sight, can a blind dog live a good, quality life?

Dogs are amazing creatures. Although to most of us, the loss of our sight would be one of the most emotionally painful losses we can imagine, dogs are much different. A dog that loses its' vision will be able to do amazingly well in familiar surroundings. Animals will compensate with the loss of one sense by heightening others. The dog has a sense of smell and hearing much more utilized than ours and without sight they will heighten these senses even more. General tips for dogs that have lost their sight include: An anxious dog may be more likely to show aggression when it becomes nervous, so caution must be used with these dogs especially in unfamiliar surroundings or around children. Working or hunting dogs may also need a change in their lifestyle to a more sedentary home life. Dogs are very sensitive to vibrations they can feel with their paws, so tap on the floor when you call your pet to alert them when you are approaching. Once in a familiar place try not to randomly move furniture or leave large objects on the floor that your pet can run into. Remember, your pet does not have the same visual requirements we normally do. A dog will not want or need to read a newspaper, watch television or drive. A blind dog in familiar surroundings can live a very happy wonderful life.