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### St. Pete–Clearwater International Airport (PIE) Hosts Guide Dogs in the Making Tonight - October 25th

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**Event:** Southeastern Guide Dogs' four Pinellas County puppy raiser groups will be meeting at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, so the puppies-in-training can gain important experience on their journey to becoming a guide dog. Representatives from the airport will lead the group of approximately 36 adorable pups-in-training and their puppy raisers. The tour will begin in baggage claim and travel through the airport and security.

**Why:** It is important for all puppies-in-training to be exposed to as many real life situations as possible before they take on the incredible responsibility of being a guide. By allowing them to experience these tasks as puppies, they grow to be confident, unflappable guide dogs. Guide dogs allow the visually impaired to experience life to the fullest by providing independence and mobility.

**About Southeastern Guide Dogs:** *Southeastern Guide Dogs, Tampa Bay Business Journal's 2014 Nonprofit of the Year, has the distinction of being dually accredited by the two premier, global accreditation bodies: the International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF) and Assistance Dogs International (ADI). Founded in 1982, the organization employs the latest in canine development and behavior research to create and nurture partnerships between inspirational people and extraordinary guide dogs. Southeastern Guide Dogs serves more than 400 graduates across the U.S. and continues to place more than 100 dogs each year into careers benefiting people with visual impairments and veterans. The charity provides all of its services free of charge and receives no government funding. Website: [www.Guidedogs.org](http://www.Guidedogs.org)*

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