



# Servisa sunu biedrība TEODORS

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## Service Dog Association TEODORS, Latvia 2025 Annual Report

Service dog association TEODORS has completed its twelfth year of service. The association's board consists of Līga Ķikute, Velga Zēgnere, Diniņa Lūcija Bite, while Mārtiņš Vizulis fulfils the duties of the Director of the Board. Currently the association has 9 service dogs. 2 guide dogs, Tikka and Anneken, as well as one assistant dog, Elfa, have gone into retirement. 2 dogs are currently being trained, and 6 are being prepared for work in foster families.



In January the association's board member Līga Ķikute with guide dog Rīga participated in our collaboration partner Invalids, and their partner association Apeiron's organized training session about communicating with invalids, about people with visual impairment. Client support specialists from the Society Integration Foundation participated in this training session.

In the first quarter of this year, Apeiron organized training for 10 employee groups in several service fields, mainly in the transportation sector, encompassing several regions of Latvia. Training also took place at the Latvian Ethnographic Open-Air Museum and the Turaida Museum Reserve, for representatives of the Society Integration Foundation. The training process included dog sisters Elfa and Rīga, and, of course, their owners Baiba Baikovska and Līga Ķikute.

From January through March the association's photo exhibit "Service dogs – at work and at rest" was on view at the Pārlielupes Library in Jelgava. In March the association's trainers with service-dog foster families and dogs Mario, Marlija, Molly and Rota visited the Latvian Society for the Blind at the Strazdumuiža Day Centre. That same month representatives from the association, along with their guide dogs, met with students from the private school Templum, giving them an insight in the role of guide dogs.



In May, together with our supporting partner *Polipak*, we produced informative video material informing the public, as well as reminding them, of the advantages provided by guide dogs. In mid-June, with both guide and therapy dogs, we visited *Polipak* to acquaint a larger segment of *Polipak* employees with our dogs. In the beginning of December, with thanks and joy, we received 3.000 euro for veterinary care from *Polipak's* friends.



In spring grocery retailer *Rimi Latvia* organized a benefit campaign during which it raised 5.000 euro to support our association. We are grateful to the organizers of this campaign and to each donor!

Thanks to donor support, the association was able to obtain a new service dog, Pablo. And so Pablo, along with Ieva Sproģe-Grigorjeva from the association, went to Ķengarags to visit the organization “Mana Tava darītava” and surrounding neighbourhood children, to share their experiences in regard to safety from both a person’s and guide dog’s point of view. In August, in Rīga centre, Pablo and Ieva completed a test so that Pablo could go anywhere more freely with his owner. The test was completed successfully.



In September, Jaunmārupe hosted a “Suņu burziņš” (Dog gathering), giving a chance to meet and become acquainted with service dogs. The annual fall festival in Rembate is an event where, this year as well, representatives Ričards Pavlovskis and Austra Dzimtā-Zemīte participated with therapy dogs. In mid-September, when “Dažādo kurpju diena” (Different shoes day) is observed to bring attention to society’s diversity, representatives from the association, cynologist Zaiga Kļaviņa, Aleksejs Volkovs and Ieva Sproģe-Grigorjeva were invited to visit Purvieiems secondary school in Rīga. Guide dogs Serena and Pablo, as well as royal poodle Bruno, demonstrated their emotional stability and abilities.

When the Republic of Finland’s president, *Alexander Stubb* and his wife *Suzanne Innes-Stubb*, visited Latvia in September, she also visited the Children’s Clinical University Hospital, where she was introduced to cannitherapy dogs Stella and Mona and their owner Ričards Pavlovskis.



In October representatives from the association, Zaiga Kļaviņa, Līga Ķikute, Mārtiņš Vizulis and Lienīte Neitāle, with guide dogs Rīga, Romeo and Sebastian, visited Lielais Dzintars (Concert Hall) in Liepāja to supplement employee knowledge about vision-impaired visitors and their guide dogs and their respectful admittance in a cultural environment. At the end of November, guide dog Pablo visited the Gors Concert Hall in Rēzekne with Ieva Sproģe-Grigorjeva.

Association members Līga Ķikute and Viktors Sergejevs with their dogs Rīga and Neira visited Fricis Brīvzemnieks elementary school in Rīga in November, to meet with the pupils.

We continue to receive substantial support from the Rīga Neighbourhood Residents Centre project, which allows us to rent space for activities, for the board, as well as members and volunteers, service dogs with their handlers and foster families, and we can organize informative events and activities. Thank you, Rīga City Council!



Also in October guide dog Rīga and owner Līga Ķikute met with the new Ombudsman, Karina Palkova, who invited NGO representatives for people with disabilities to the meeting.

There have been many happy moments this year, but also ones for reflection. There is still a long road ahead for society to become inclusive for all. With hope and positive thoughts we continue the association's work.

For the 6<sup>th</sup> year, *PusePlus* company sells holiday greeting cards with our logo, thereby providing the association with donations. Our donation boxes are located in *Origo* shopping centre and *Ķepa Raw Food* store. Donations can also be made through *Mobilily*.

**Service dog association TEODORS thanks all donors and supporters!** With your help the association can operate and assist more people with disabilities. Thanks to donations, our dogs receive quality food and veterinary care. As much as possible we also support other service dogs in Latvia with food and veterinary care.



As every year, special thanks to our long-time friends in Finland! Thanks to our benefactors **Zaiga Kļaviņa & Juha Herttuainen**, without whom the association would not exist! They donate dogs, their time & love, and assist with transport.

More information about the association and our dogs can be found in our home page [www.teodors.org](http://www.teodors.org). We regularly post on our Facebook site @servisasunubiedriba and Instagram. Donations to the association are used solely for its goals, as listed in the association's bylaws. Fund disbursement can be seen on the association's website: <https://www.teodors.org/ziedojumi>. There are several ways to donate to the association, also found on our website: <https://www.teodors.org/jaunumi>

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A bright and hope filled 2026!  
With sincere greetings and best wishes,

**Service Dog Association TEODORS**