



## Guide Dogs of the Desert International

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### August 5, 2004 - Guide Dogs of the Desert International Receives Donation from Trust Palm Springs, CA

On Saturday, July 31, 2004, outside of Club Heaven in Palm Springs, William Rideout presented Brian Van Dusen, President of Guide Dogs of the Desert, with a check from the Estate of Ethyl and Jack Stoll. William was the executor of the Stoll Estate.

Ethyl and Jack had been married for 50+ years and had no children, but they had a great love for animals. Ethyl passed away in 2003 and her husband, Jack, had passed away five years prior. Their trust left donations to the Los Angeles Zoo, for the care and housing of Gorillas, Friends of Cats and Guide Dogs of the Desert.

Ethyl first learned of Guide Dogs of the Desert from William Rideout and his partner, John Keal. John had macular degeneration and before John passed away, he asked that donations be given to GDDI in his name after his death. Ethyl thought that was a wonderful gift to make in his memory and subsequently added GDDI to her charitable trust donation.

Ethyl was born in North Dakota and Jack was born in Czechoslovakia. They lived the last 33 years of their lives in Los Angeles as neighbors and friends to William and John.

Guide Dogs of the Desert will be naming a dog in memory of the Stolls, his or her name will be Landa, the street name where the Stolls lived in Los Angeles.



Because of generous donations such as this from their trust, Guide Dogs of the Desert will continue to help the visually impaired become more mobile and independent. It is only through the help of community funding, wills, trusts and endowments that GDDI can move forward.

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