

BADIE Contest 2020 Grand Prize Award Winner

Mina Lamarra's review of the audio described "Curiosity Quest: Guide Dogs," available from DCMP. (Mina is 12 years old, from Huntington Beach, CA)

When you walk a dog you walk it but can you imagine a dog that walks you? Well this type of dog is called a guide dog! A guide dog is trained to guide a blind person so they don't walk into walls or anything else. A guide dog will stop before any elevation changes such as curbs or steps. It will also stop in front of poles and other obstacles. I have always wanted to learn more about guide dogs like how they are trained. I watched a video called "Curiosity Quest: Guide Dogs," hoping that some of my questions would be answered. During the film I was able to access audio description which is a service for the blind and visually impaired so they can also understand the visual parts of a movie. The audio Description was very helpful. Not only did the service describe the characters in the film but also there locations and actions. An example would be Emily and her dog Cherry walk down a curving path." Something else I really enjoyed and appreciated was whenever words appeared on screen they were read aloud. Such as, words appear on screen Mary Springfield president of the national confederation of the blind. There is only one thing I would give feedback on. In the movie the Dialogue slightly overlapped with the audio description. Other than that, this movie was very descriptive and factual. I sincerely thank DCMP for helping me learn about one of my interests.



Mina reads her essay as ACB President Dan Spoons and Executive Director Eric Bridges listen