

## **Abstract**

**Title:** The impact of a guide dogs on the quaiety of its owner

**Goal:** The purpose of this bachelor work is to find out how the guide dog ownership can affect its owner. The work is firmly focused on social participation and the activity options according to the ICF legislation, 2001.

**Methodology:** The data collected in this research are classified as qualitative. Furthermore, the information collection was carried out by a self-created questionnaire, provided to fifteen participants. The survey was completed by 25 questions, varied by three categories (open, closed and open-ended). In the second research period of data selection, a half-structured interview was attended by two interviewees. The attendants were guide dogs owners with a visual impairment.

**Results:** In both cases, the interviewees selected yes as an answer. They agree that a guide dog affects social participation alongside the activity options for people with a visual impairment. Guide dog positively responds on making new contacts with others, a better communication. Owners feel safe, relaxed and satisfied. Also, according to the results we received, the dog means a specific stimulation in the activity completion. Whether it is a moving activity (dog-walking) or regular daily tasks such as going to various offices, post offices and so on.

**Key Words:** Visual impairment, compensatory tool, orientation, independent movement