



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Puppy Raising Volunteer Co-Raiser Agreement

Co-raising a GDB puppy with one or more raiser households can be a very rewarding experience! Here are some things that can be helpful to discuss ahead of time to help get everyone on the same page.

Schedule

- Who will have the puppy in their household when? Consider if you will trade once a month, every other week, or if one home will have the puppy on weekdays and another on weekends, etc.
- How will the puppy be transferred between homes?
- If one raiser is going on vacation or out of town for work, will the puppy travel with them or stay with the co-raiser?

Veterinary Care

- All vaccinations and general care should be done by the same veterinarian.
 - It can be helpful for one raiser to be responsible for regular vet appointments. Who will this be?
 - If your veterinarian can, consider leaving reimbursement forms at their practice to make it easier for all co-raisers.

Food, Toys, and Supplies

- Each household should have their own food supply.
- Each household should have their own crate, toys, etc.

Other Topics to Discuss

- Who will handle the puppy at club activities?
- If things do not work out for one raiser family, would a co-raiser be willing to finish the puppy themselves, find another co-raiser, or would the puppy need to be transferred?
- If the puppy needs to be taken to GDB, who is responsible for transportation?
- Who will keep any memorabilia items from the puppy (collar tags, etc.)?
- If you live within 75 miles of the GDB California campus, who will have the first option to apply as a breeder custodian?

Career Change

This is an important conversation between co-raisers, and these discussions should happen before receiving a puppy. Things may change during the puppy raising experience, and having an agreement up front should alleviate problems later.

- If the puppy is career changed, which raiser has the first right to adopt?

Career Change Agreement

_____ will be given first opportunity to adopt as their own pet, the next opportunity goes to _____.

_____ will be given first opportunity to place the dog with a close friend or relative, if neither can keep as a pet, the next opportunity goes to _____.

Additional information for the career change agreement: _____

Other Comments/Agreements

Open communication is key! Your club leader or PFM can assist with questions.

Co-Raiser Names

Name(s): _____ Phone # _____

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Date of Agreement: _____

Co-raiser's signature: _____

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Leader's signature (optional): _____