



# Guide Dogs for the Blind Puppy Raising Department

## Puppy 101 Class #1

### Review:

What are 2 rules for guide dog puppies that are different than for most pet dogs?

### Equipment

- Flat collar – has buckle or snap, never remove
- Dragline/nylon leash - for walking/training baby puppies, for all puppies in house and for relieving
- Leather leash –*NOT for tie down*
- Tie down cable
- Long line
- Head collar- Halti vs Gentle leader
  - Not a muzzle, helps control head while walking
- Bait bag - to be worn every time you have the leash in your hand
- Puppy jacket (coat, vest) – for identification only

### Confinement equipment

- Crate: Only situation where a puppy may be left unsupervised
  - NO pads or blankets (#2 sitter error), a Nylabone or Kong inside is OK
- Baby gate or ex-pen:
  - Useful for limiting puppy's access to areas in house and for separating dogs. Puppies may not be left unattended in an ex-pen

### General Supplies

- Stainless steel food and water bowls
- Enzyme cleaner (Nature's Miracle)

### Grooming Supplies (brief review – covered later under grooming)

- Ear cleaner
- Brush/comb
- Toenail clippers and Styptic powder
- Toothbrush and toothpaste

### Approved toys – review list

What can be left with unattended puppy. Toys for pups 4 months and under vs others

**Training:**

- How to put on the headcollar and attach the leash and safety strap
- How to hold food in hand and delivering food reward to the puppy's mouth correctly (mechanics of giving food rewards, what causes "grabbing" etc.)
- How to lure with food generally
- Pezzing
- Bait bag placement
- Practice mechanics of food delivery with both hands (no marking; purely mechanics of delivery) explain why need skills with both hands

**Homework:**

Please read from [www.guidedogs.com/prmanual](http://www.guidedogs.com/prmanual)

**TRAINING AND GAMES**

- Section 1: Starting off Right - Watch the video on [R+ Training the Basics Part 2 \(Food Protocol\)](#)
- Section 2: First Lessons and Games - [Hand Tether](#) and [Hand Tether in Motion](#)

**HOUSE BEHAVIOR**

- [Teaching Good House Behavior](#)
- [Teaching Settled Behavior in the Home](#)
- [Relieving and Housebreaking](#)

**PRACTICE**

- [Human-only Training Games](#)