



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Puppy Raising Department

Puppy 102 Course

Additional Self-Study for New Raisers

Much of the manual material relating to caring for, socializing, and training a GDB puppy is part of the curricula for Puppy 101 and Puppy 102. Because we couldn't cover the whole manual in the time allotted to the courses, we have provided additional reading below. Please be sure to look at these documents in the following weeks and check with your leader if you have any questions. Some of the documents may have been listed in Puppy 101 but a quick revision, with a baby puppy in mind, will be useful.

PUPPY RAISING OVERVIEW

[Final Behavior Goals](#)

[Recognizing and Reporting Negative Behaviors](#)

[Ruff Notes: Raiser Monthly Reports](#)

[Ruff Notes: Puppy Behaviors to Report to Leader](#)

[Evaluations, Assessments and Possible Outcomes](#)

[Video: Journey vs Genes \(Nature vs Nurture\)](#)

PREPARING FOR A NEW PUPPY

[Creating a Safe Environment for a GDB Puppy](#)

[Puppy's Arrival](#)

Please also look through the information about the Puppy Packet, especially the General Information.

PUPPY CARE

Health

Take a look at all documents in the Health section. There is a lot of essential information which your leader can help you through when necessary. The following are important to review before getting a new puppy:

[Feeding Guidelines](#)

[Puppy Raising Nutritional Policy](#)

[Body Condition Scoring](#)

Exercise and Play Section:

[Ruff Notes: Yard Play](#)

[Swimming and Wading](#)

[GDB Puppy Watercraft Guidelines](#)

[Fun Canine Conditioning Games for Puppies 12 Months and Older](#) This document applies to older puppies; if the new raiser is getting a baby puppy this can be reviewed later.

PUPPY SOCIALIZATION

Most of this section was well-covered in the courses but review these documents as they apply to puppy sitting and travel:

[Puppy Sitting Form](#) (Hopefully new raisers are already familiar with these from puppy sitting)

[Travel Guidelines](#)

[Air Travel for Puppies in Training](#) Please also review the Travel Request Form (download)

[Ruff Notes: Summer Socialization](#)

Miscellaneous documents applying to puppies as they mature:

[Ruff Notes: Surviving Puppy Adolescence](#)

[Home Alone](#)

Extra Training Resources

[Paw Pads Suggestions and Guidelines](#)

[Guidelines for High Value Food Rewards](#)

[Video: Southern California Puppy Raiser Workshop](#) (Over 2 hours long but lots of info!)

In addition to the above information directly related to raising and training the puppy, prospective raisers should also be familiar with our policies and procedures. Reviewing the Policies and Procedures section of the manual will give new raisers an overview and answer many general questions about the relationship between raisers, the Puppy Raising Department, and the rest of the organization.