



# Guide Dogs for the Blind

## Puppy Visits

Breeder custodians and raisers of brood bitches and stud dogs have an opportunity to visit the litter of puppies once they are in the puppy kennel, generally between 6 and 8 weeks of age. **Visits are dependent on the health of the puppies on the day of the visit.** Visits are by appointment only and must be scheduled **at least forty-eight hours** in advance or as early as you receive notice that the litter has been born. Visits book up quickly, so the sooner you call to schedule a visit, the more scheduling choices you will have. Priority will be given to families who have not yet visited. To schedule a visit, please call the *Puppy Visit Scheduling Call Center at (415) 492-4110*. There is a maximum of five visitors per visit. No dogs or pets are allowed to accompany you to campus, including GDB program dogs, as we don't have the housing or staffing needed to provide for them during your visit. To protect the puppies from canine communicable disease, you will be provided with protective clothing and shoe covers. If puppy names are given to you during your visit, please remember that the names are not to be shared publicly by you or others until puppies have been placed in raiser homes.



### Visitation Hours (1/2 hour time slots)

Friday 2:00, 2:30, & 3:00pm

Saturday 2:00, 2:30, & 3:00pm

Sunday 1:30, 2:00, & 2:30pm

*There are No Visits on Graduation Saturdays & Some Holidays*

- **On the morning of your visit, GDB will call you to verify that the puppies are healthy and ready for visitors!** We apologize if you are unable to visit puppies due to illness and appreciate your understanding. *To cancel a visit, please call the Kennel Office at (415) 499-4087.*
- **Please arrive 15-20 minutes prior to your appointment.** Report to the Kennel Office where a Volunteer Puppy Visit Docent will greet you, bring you to the puppy visitation yard where you will put on your protective clothing and shoe covers. Any delays in arrival or preparation may reduce time available to spend with puppies.
- **Please listen and adhere to all instructions given to you by the docent.** This includes families with small children. Docents may ask a parent or adult visitor to step out of the visit area with a child if they feel the situation is unsafe for the child and/or the puppies.
- **Puppies tire quickly, so the length of your visit will be determined by the docent.**

### ~ Please observe the following safety rules when visiting puppies ~

- Please sit down to cuddle and love the puppies, do not pick them up.
- Equipment is meant for puppy use only; allow puppies to investigate equipment on their own, and do not place puppies on equipment.
- Keep children off equipment and do not allow children to stand on benches or chairs.
- For your safety, use gates to enter and leave yard, do not attempt to step over the fence.
- Please wear close-toed shoes, leave dangling or valuable jewelry at home, & tie back long hair.
- Puppies can carry germs that can be harmful to humans, so keep puppies away from your face (no kisses!) and wash hands thoroughly after your visit.