



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Puppy Raising Guidebook

Home Visit Checklist

General Discussion

- Household understanding of Puppy Raising Guidebook, including Values & Behaviors and Puppy Raising Guiding Principles (see Let's Work Together)
- Any possible uncertainties about raising a puppy
- Any potential issues in the home environment
- Where to relieve the puppy
- Waste clean-up
- Appropriate ways to confine the puppy when no one is home
- Amount of time puppy will be left alone
- Removal of hazards

Notes:

Confinement/Fencing

- Secure
- Adequate height
- Appropriate gate latches
- Free of hazards or poisonous plants

Dog Run/Kennel

- Securely fenced
- Appropriate surface
- Appropriate shelter
- Appropriate height
- Temperature guidelines

If no enclosed dog space: discuss alternative methods of getting puppy adequate exercise and play without a fenced yard (Adventure Walks, long line, etc.)

Notes:

Pool or Bodies of Waters

- Adequately fenced; confirm puppy cannot be unsupervised around any water

Notes:

Home Interior

- Free of hazards and poisonous plants
- Relatively free of clutter
- Area available for YES Space, crate and tie down
- Secure doors

As needed, discuss:

- Challenges with clutter
- How to “puppy proof” (See “Safe and Sound: A Guide to Puppy Proofing Your Home”)
- The YES Space
- Cleaning up accidents
- Crates and tie down
- Preventing escapes

Notes:

Other pets or animals

- Behavioral challenges
- Housing and husbandry
- Flea/tick prevention
- Possibility of different guidelines for pets vs. guide dog puppies

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