



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Puppy Raising Department

Puppy 102 Course

Introduction

About Puppy 102

This is an 8-session course to provide information and hands-on training to prepare volunteers to be Guide Dogs for the Blind puppy raisers. Prerequisite to this course is the successful completion of Puppy 101.

This course will review some of the materials presented in Puppy 101 as well as introducing new materials to prospective puppy raisers. The focus in 101 was to establish understanding of basic knowledge of our puppy raising program and handling techniques. These basic skills enable volunteers to handle puppies and puppy sit in their home. This course will go into more depth; training volunteers how to *teach* puppies the behaviors they need as prospective guide dogs, how to approach socialization of the puppy progressively, and how to raise a well-mannered companion for a person who is blind or visually impaired.

Each week will have homework, consisting of written materials and videos, to be reviewed before the next class. Studying the materials from the manual will prepare you for discussion and hands-on training with puppies at the club meetings. The meetings will give you the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the manual content and to learn how to train puppies under the supervision of leaders and experienced mentor raisers.

Once the course is completed and the club leader is confident in your knowledge of the materials presented, and your handling abilities, a Puppy Placement Questionnaire may be completed. While you are waiting for a puppy there are more materials from the Puppy Raising manual to review. A list of these documents is at the end of the Puppy 102 course: 102 Additional Self-Study for New Raisers

Raising and training a GDB puppy is huge commitment of time and effort; we want to ensure volunteers are well prepared for the journey ahead. The materials in this course, along with the support and experience of leaders and other club volunteers, will develop the skills necessary for you to be a successful puppy raiser!

Homework

Some of this material was covered in Puppy 101. A quick review will be helpful in preparing you for raising and training a new baby puppy.

Note: Video links are in the documents unless linked below.

Please read from www.guidedogs.com/prmanual

PUPPY RAISING OVERVIEW

- [Puppy Raising R+ Training Philosophy](#)
- [FAQ on Using a Marker](#)
- [Order of Training Reference Guide and Chart](#)

TRAINING AND GAMES

- Section 1: Starting Off Right
 - [Food Reward Games](#)
- Section 2: First Lessons and Games
 - [Introducing the Gentle Leader](#)
- Section 3: Settling and Leash Manners
 - [Rewarding Calm Behavior](#)
 - Video: [Food Reward for Calm Behavior](#)
 - Ruff Notes: [Smart Use of Reinforcement for Calm/Settled Behavior](#)