



## **Guide Dogs for the Blind**

# **Alter Schedule for GDB Puppies**

If you are receiving this notice it means that you have given the gift of welcoming a GDB puppy into your home and that at this time they are slated to be altered prior to adolescence. The term alter can apply to either a male puppy receiving castration or a female puppy undergoing a spay.

Please note that the breeding and veterinary staff recommends that the puppy be altered when they are 6-8 months of age. Closer to that time you will receive a letter from the Puppy Raising Team reminding you of the need to schedule an appointment. You should take the letter to your local veterinarian to confirm that the GDB puppy may be surgically altered.

Occasionally the breeding department may elect to cancel a scheduled alter for puppies who are determined to be of particular value to the breeding colony. In those cases you will not receive an alter letter. Please check with your leader if you do not receive a letter and have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support of GDB. We are fortunate to have each and every one of you shaping the positive development of our puppies and educating your community about the wonderful service a guide dog can provide to a person with visual impairment. Keep up the good work!