



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Puppy Raising Manual

Change Log 2021

The following is an ongoing list of all changes to the PR Manual in calendar year 2021. Most recent changes are at the top. All updated documents also have their footers updated with the month/year of the change.

October 2021

- UPDATED [Food Reward Basics: Part 1](#) video to replace “R+ Training: the Basics Part 1”
- NEW [Ruff Notes Oct 2021 – Socializing Puppies During Spooky Season: Halloween Edition \(PDF\)](#)
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September 2021

- [Career Change and Retired Guides](#) and [Dog Placements with Nonprofit Organizations](#): Clarified definition of GDB Strategic Placements to include GDB Ambassador dogs with an Orientation & Mobility professional or other allied professional and GDB Agency Placements
- NEW [Hand Tether Game](#) instructional video supplement to [Hand Tether](#) document

August 2021

- NEW Puppy 102: Level Up! Skills to become a GDB Puppy Raiser
 - [Puppy 102 Introduction](#)
 - [Puppy 102 Class 1](#)
 - [Puppy 102 Class 2](#)
 - [Puppy 102 Class 3](#)
 - [Puppy 102 Class 4](#)
 - [Puppy 102 Class 5](#)
 - [Puppy 102 Class 6](#)
 - [Puppy 102 Class 7](#)
 - [Puppy 102 Class 8](#)
 - [Puppy 102 Review Chart](#)
 - [Puppy 102 Additional Self-Study for New Raisers](#)

July 2021

- [Feeding Guidelines](#): clarified that puppy should not be touched while it is eating and added descriptions of possessive behavior that should be reported to the leader
- NEW [Combined Puppy Raising Manual](#) with all Puppy Raising Manual PDFs in one file for searchability

June 2021

- [Toy Policy](#): updated to add Bull Fit tug toy, Ruffwear tug toy, M.C.works Mango younger puppy toy
- [Food Containing Toys for GDB Puppies](#): updated to add Mango toy
- NEW [Ruff Notes June 2021 – Summer Socialization](#)
- NEW [PRP Training Eval Info for Raisers](#)

- Added reference to [Ruff Notes Mar 2019 – Fading the Lure](#) in Section 1: Starting Off Right
- Short explanation of the Ruff Notes Archive added to the manual and reordering with newest at the top

May 2021

- NEW [CEC Information for Raisers](#)
- [Puppy Socialization](#): updated to include reference links and updated name of “Socialization Guide” to match the name of the chart “Steps to a Well-Socialized Puppy”
- Clarified language on 16 month rabies vaccination in the [Sample Puppy Raiser Info Sheet](#) and [Vaccine Schedule Chart](#)
- Updated [About Puppy Raiser Monthly and Final Reports](#) to reflect process in the Salesforce Community and the current monthly and final report questions
- Reverted to standard [Travel Request for GDB Puppies \(Word\)](#) as interim COVID-19 version no longer applies

April 2021

- [Toy Policy](#): added Ruff Enough “Guaranteed for Life” toys to approved list
- [GDB Social Media Guidelines for Volunteers](#): updated language regarding endorsements/brand ambassadors
- [Career Change and Retired Guides](#): updated the adoption fee for career change dogs
- [Nutritional Policy](#): updated naming of Purina Pro Plan (both puppy and adult formulas) and graphic of Purina Pro Plan Puppy to follow new branding. Changed from “Purina Pro Plan Focus Large Breed Formula” to “Purina Pro Plan Large Breed Chicken & Rice Formula”
- Added document and video links to HOMEWORK sections of [Puppy 101 Intro](#), [Class 1](#), [Class 2](#), [Class 3](#), [Class 4](#), [Class 5](#) documents
- [Dog Placements with Nonprofit Organizations](#): updated name and webpage of Dogs4Diabetics, now a part of National Institute of Canine Service and Training (NICST)

March 2021

- NEW [Ruff Notes March 2021 - Yard Play](#)
- Slight revisions to HOMEWORK sections of [Puppy 101 Intro](#), [Class 1](#), [Class 2](#), [Class 3](#) so document and video names better match those in the manual

Feb 2021

- Corrected missing links to [Luring with prompts on the Paw Pad](#) video in Road Map for Paw Pad #3 and #4
- NEW Puppy 101: Getting Started as a GDB Puppy Sitter
 - [Puppy 101 Intro and Presentation Recording](#)
 - [Video: Puppy Raising 101 Introduction](#)
 - [Puppy 101 Class 1](#)
 - [Puppy 101 Class 2](#)
 - [Puppy 101 Class 3](#)
 - [Puppy 101 Class 4](#)
 - [Puppy 101 Class 5](#)
 - [Puppy 101 Review Chart](#)
- Rename [Fun Canine Conditioning Games](#) (change from Fun Physical Therapy Games)
- [Puppy Sitting Form](#): changed to fillable Word document

Jan 2021

- NEW [Air Travel for Puppies in Training](#) and update in [Travel Guidelines](#) to reference the new document
- [Toy Policy](#): added Benebones to approved list
- [Confinement](#): clarified language re: no bedding in crates
- [Exercise and Play](#): added language re: not exercising puppies from a bicycle or skateboard