



# Guide Dogs for the Blind

## Puppy Raising Manual

### Change Log 2022

The following is an ongoing list of all changes to the PR Manual in calendar year 2022. Most recent changes are at the top. All updated documents also have their footers updated with the month/year of the change.

#### July 2022

- Revision to title and language in Ruff Notes Nov 2020 – Puppy Socialization During COVID-19 to [Ruff Notes Nov 2020 – Alternative Young Puppy Socialization](#). The document is now more generally applicable for puppies who need alternative socialization ideas when they are unable to go on public outings or attend puppy club meetings.
- NEW [Ruff Notes June 2022 - “Here Comes the Sun”: Socializing GDB Puppies During Warm Weather \(PDF\) \(Accessible WORD\)](#)
- Veterinary care authorization update:
  - We are no longer using a tier system for vet care authorization/reimbursement
  - Appointments under \$200 do not require an authorization code for reimbursement
  - Appointments exclusively for routine care (vaccines, heartworm tests, Heartgard prescription refills) do not require authorization, even if the total is over \$200
    - You **will** need an authorization code if something comes up at the appointment that requires treatment (e.g. an ear infection) and the final bill is over \$200
  - Automatically approved allowances for spay/neuter procedures have been increased (\$300 for neuters, \$350 for spays).Updated documents include:
  - [Veterinary Care Guidelines](#)
  - [Veterinary Care Flow Chart](#)
  - NEW [Puppy Diarrhea Flow Chart](#)
  - [FAQ for Common Guide Dog Puppy Medical Issues](#)
- Updated [Sample Puppy & Raiser Information Sheet and Vaccine Schedule](#) to include specification for “bivalent” canine influenza vaccination and removed “10 week vaccination” row

#### June 2022

- Added Benebone Fishbone to the [Toy Policy](#)
- Removed warning not to allow tug games between two dogs from [Exercise and Play](#) as managing intensity during dog-dog play is covered in [Dog-to-Dog Interaction](#)
- Added “Leader Approval” to 17wks – 6mos and 6+ mos sections of [Steps to a Well-Socialized Guide Dog Puppy](#) graphic
- Added GDB Strategic Placement to potential career paths of breeders retired after less than one year and clarified language on volunteer order of adoption for these dogs in [Career Change and Retired Guides](#)

#### May 2022

- Added section “AFTER GRADUATION” to the document [Beyond Puppy Raising](#) that covers what communication to expect from GDB during the career of a dog who graduates as a breeder, guide, or K9 Buddy.
- Minor adjustments have been made to the guide dog training curriculum; initial traffic introductions now occur in Phase 4. [Beyond Puppy Raising](#) and [Training Phase Descriptions](#) have been updated.

#### April 2022

- NEW [Formal Guidework Training Phases](#) video playlist added to document [Training Phase Descriptions](#)
- Retired Graduation Media Release document; raisers will now receive a graduation announcement they may share on social media when a dog they raised has graduated as a guide, K9 Buddy, or breeder

#### February 2022

- NEW [Ruff Notes Feb 2022 - Raising an Intact Puppy \(PDF\) \(WORD\)](#)

#### January 2022

- NEW [Modified Emergency Lure/Rapid Fire Reinforcement](#) video and UPDATED [Emergency Lure Technique](#) document to include modified emergency lure
- NEW [Rewarding Calm and Settled Behavior](#) video to supplement document [Rewarding Calm and Settled Behavior](#)
- All Puppy Raising Road Map, video, and webpage hyperlink text updated to match manual document titles (no changes to document URLs)
- All Puppy Raising videos transitioned from general GDB Youtube Channel (orange logo) to new GDB Puppy Raising Youtube Channel (green logo). All URLs in documents and on the webpage have been updated – please update any direct bookmarks you may have saved, such as the [“GDB Puppy Raising Instructional Videos”](#) playlist, as the old links will be retiring after March 31, 2022.
- NEW [Food Reward Basics Part 1](#) and [Food Reward Basics Part 2 Multiples](#) documents to accompany videos
- UPDATED [Food Reward Basics Part 2 - Multiples](#) video to replace “R+ Training: the Basics Part 2”
- [R+ Training Vocabulary/Terminology](#) clarification of “Luring” definition
- NEW [Ruff Notes Dec 2021 - Getting Guide Dog Puppies Fit for Recall \(PDF\) \(WORD\)](#)