



Guide Dogs for the Blind

PRP Training Evaluation

Information for Raisers

Reasons a GDB Puppy of Recall Age May Undergo an Evaluation by the Training Department

CFRs evaluate puppies in the field on a regular basis and communicate with leaders and raisers about the puppies' progress. As a young dog approaches recall age, there are occasionally situations where the dog may be on the borderline of traditional temperament and behavior standards for recall and the CFR may consult with the Canine Resources Manager to discuss next steps. Very occasionally, it is decided to approach the Training department about an on-campus evaluation for a dog to see how it will do in a training environment with professional handling.

Procedures

- Should it be determined to bring the dog to campus for an evaluation, the CFR will confirm that all relevant documents are available to the Training department. This includes the raiser monthly reports, final report, Fun Things and CFR evaluations and reports
- Transportation will be arranged (truck, fly, raiser transport etc.)
- The dog will be assigned to an instructor and supervisor
- An intake medical check will be completed shortly after arrival
- Depending on the dog's arrival date in relation to recall, veterinary IFT exams may be completed

The typical evaluation takes 2-4 weeks, but this varies depending upon the concerns being evaluated and staffing availability. Should the evaluation continue past 4 weeks, the CFR will update the leader on the dog's status. The CFR will inform the leader when the evaluation is complete, and a decision has been made.

Possible Outcomes

- Should it be decided that the dog meets the requirements to enter guide training it will be added to the next available string. Should it be some time before the next available space on a recall, the dog will continue being worked with by Training staff on campus, or may be placed in foster care locally
- Other outcomes include K9 Buddy evaluation or assessment for placement with one of our partner organizations:
 - Should the dog be considered for K9B, it will not be career changed and may be evaluated for up to 60 days
 - Should the dog be considered for CP/offer to partner organizations it will be career changed and Dog Placement has 3 working days to make the decision to offer the dog to a partner organization. The organization then has 3 weeks to evaluate the dog to determine if the dog is suitable for their program
- Should the dog become available for adoption, the most recent puppy raiser has the first option to adopt the dog as a pet. Further details on adopting or placing a GDB career change can be found here: [Career Change and Retired Guides](#)