



Guide Dogs for the Blind Puppy Raising Department

Puppy 101 Class #2

Outside before commencing meeting - demonstrate/practice relieving puppies:

- Always on leash and always “on cue” (handler offers the opportunity)
- Practice (pick spot, remove jacket, release cue, give cue, cast puppy out, praise)

Schedule for each puppy - #1 puppy sitter error is inappropriate relieving!

Review:

- What kind of food do we use to reward the puppy?
- What are 2 GDB approved toys for puppies?
- Name 2 methods of confining puppies
- What is the nylon leash/dragline used for?

Training:

GDB maximizes positive reinforcement in training puppies. All cues are initially taught using food rewards.

- Marking Behavior
 - Clickers are reserved for trainers at GDB, we use a marker word “nice” in place of clicker.
 - Time the marker (word “nice”) with the behavior THEN deliver reward
 - For calm behavior - no marker (the marker tends to excite some puppies)
- 3 D's: Distance, Duration, Distraction
 - Increase each of these things, one at a time, as puppy learns and masters a skill
- Verbal Interrupters, collar corrections
 - When to use (e.g. house behavior)
 - What is not acceptable – plus no “corrections” with head collar
 - R+ training is used to teach and return to R+ methods asap

Hands-on practice:

- Clean handling – stationary *without* puppies; mark, reach, feed
- Clean handling – stationary *with* puppies; mark, reach, feed
- Introduction to hand tether - stationary

Homework:

Please read from www.guidedogs.com/prmanual

TRAINING AND GAMES

- Section3: Settling & Leash Manners - [Collar Cues Game](#)

PUPPY RAISING OVERVIEW

- [Verbal Cues](#)

PUPPY CARE

- [Puppy Body Handling](#) (PDF) and YouTube videos ([Puppy Body Handling Part 1](#) & [Puppy Body Handling Part 2](#))

PUPPY SOCIALIZATION

- [Puppy Socialization](#)
- [Steps to a Well Socialized Puppy Chart](#)
- From [Travel Guidelines](#) (PDF) read the section “Transporting GDB Puppies in Vehicles”

HOUSE BEHAVIOR

- [Home Alone](#)
- [Preventing Destructive Behavior](#)

PRACTICE

- [Human-only Training Games](#)