



# Application to Raise a Guide Dog Puppy

**GUIDE DOGS OF THE DESERT**  
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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #'s: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Environment: City \_\_\_\_\_ Suburban \_\_\_\_\_ Rural \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent if applicant is under 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there children in the home? \_\_\_\_\_ Their ages \_\_\_\_\_

1. Where did you hear about our puppy raising program? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you ever raised a dog before? \_\_\_\_\_ A dog for the blind? \_\_\_\_\_  
When and from which school? \_\_\_\_\_  
What became of that dog? \_\_\_\_\_
3. If you have a pet/pets, please give type, dog breeds, ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you have a fenced yard or enclosed area to relieve the puppy? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you agree to allow the puppy to live in your house and sleep in your bedroom? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you agree to pay for normal veterinary expenses? \_\_\_\_\_ **(initial)**

*The puppy raiser is responsible for providing a loving atmosphere and socialization and for teaching the puppy appropriate house behavior.*

*The approximate cost to the raiser is \$500.00. This cost is considered a donation and may be tax-deductible.*

7. I understand and agree this puppy shall remain the property of Guide Dogs of the Desert and I agree to return the puppy to Guide Dogs of the Desert as requested for evaluation, neutering and when the puppy is needed for training. \_\_\_\_\_  
**(initial)**
8. I have read and agree to the conditions outlined in the attached copy of "Puppy Raiser Information." \_\_\_\_\_ **(initial)**
9. I agree to participate in Puppy Raising and School events 8 times per year. There are also mandatory puppy training days. \_\_\_\_\_ **(initial)**
10. What date are you available to receive a puppy? (usually there is a 6 month wait) \_\_\_\_\_

Breed preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Golden Retriever \_\_\_\_\_ Labrador Retriever \_\_\_\_\_ Standard Poodle \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male

Guide Dogs of the Desert provides inoculations and worming if you bring the puppy to the training facility. If puppies are not considered for breeding stock, Guide Dogs of Desert the will reimburse for neutering up to \$75.00 or provide for neutering by our own veterinarian. Guide Dogs of the Desert will provide occasional boarding at the training facility, including boarding of females in season.

I understand that while raising a puppy is fun, it is also a job and that I must abide by the rules of raising a guide dog puppy as set forth by Guide Dogs of the Desert. Guide Dogs of the Desert has the right to re-home puppies if guidelines are not followed.

Signature of applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (if applicant is under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_

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**For Office Use ONLY:**

Interview Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Interviewed By \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

(use reverse side for additional comments if needed)