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Become a Puppy Raiser Today!

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**Our puppies have an important mission:
to become guide or service dogs for
people with disabilities.**

However, they can't do it alone, and that's where you come in. We're looking for special people to play a vital role as volunteer puppy raisers. We have different puppy raising options available to fit your lifestyle.

Puppy raisers come from all walks of life: stay-at-home moms or dads, teachers, college students, retirees, people with flexible work environments, and more. Whether a puppy lives with you full-time or just on the weekends (through our prison puppy program), you'll surround the pup with love and security, teach basic obedience and social skills, and help the dog experience "real world" situations.

Starting With Success

- A puppy starts its journey as a future guide or service dog when it is about 8 weeks old. For the next year, you and your puppy advisor will work together to ensure success as you guide the pup to grow up to be a confident dog.
- You will receive our training manual, and go on group outings and obedience classes with your fellow puppy raisers.
- We cover the pup's veterinary care either on our campus in New York or with one of our Valued Veterinary Partners. You will be responsible for the pup's food (it's tax-deductible).
- Our team is always available to answer questions and offer support.
- When the puppy is ready, it will return to our campus to begin its formal training as a guide or service dog.

Other Options

Co-raising

You partner with another individual or family and share responsibilities for raising a puppy. Thanks to its flexibility, co-raising allows people with time restrictions to still take a role in changing lives. We can help you find a co-raiser in your geographical area, or you can team up with a close friend or family member and work out the schedule that works best for you.



Temp Homes

As a "temp home" volunteer, you will care for a puppy or adult dog in your home for short periods of time as needed (about two weeks). You will provide a safe and loving environment where a puppy will learn (or an adult dog will maintain) housebreaking, obedience, excellent house manners, and socialization.

Learn more at Puppy.GuideDog.org

Prison Puppy Program Weekend Raiser

Some of our puppies are raised by inmates in correctional institutions in Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Georgia, and Florida. This helps us reduce training costs and increase capacity while allowing inmates to give back to society.

Do you live in one of these states? We need weekend puppy raisers to socialize the pups for experiences they can't get in the correctional facility, such as car rides, visits to stores and restaurants, and other activities. Weekend raisers are vital members of our prison puppy program.

Visit PrisonPuppy.VetDogs.org to learn if there's a prison program in your area.



How You Can Help

All our services are provided at no cost to individuals with disabilities.

We rely on the public to fund our mission. With your help, the Guide Dog Foundation can continue to help individuals live without boundaries.

Ways to Give

- Visit GuideDog.org to make a donation and learn how to set up recurring gifts
- Host a community fundraiser
- Give a gift in memory or honor of loved ones
- Take advantage of our sponsorship opportunities
- Participate in workplace giving programs
- Remember us in your will and estate planning

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