



# Guide Dogs for the Blind

## Equipment

The following is a list of equipment needed to train and care for a GDB puppy. Additional items might be required for specific training or grooming purposes.

### Training aids

- A 5-6 ft. leather leash (5/8" wide) is provided by Guide Dogs for the Blind with the first puppy raised. This leash should be kept by the raiser for use with subsequent puppies. Additionally leashes may be purchased on the GDB website.
- A 4 ft. nylon line to be used as a puppy leash and later as a short dragline is provided by Guide Dogs for the Blind
- A cable tie-down (length: 30 inches) is provided by Guide Dogs for the Blind with the first puppy raised. This tie-down should be kept by the raiser for subsequent puppies. Additional tie-downs may be purchased on the GDB website.
- A long line, between 15 and 30 feet, will be needed later in the puppy's training to practice recalls. It also may be useful in allowing the puppy to exercise in an unfenced area.
- A headcollar will be provided by GDB. As the puppy grows, it will need successively larger sizes. Each puppy will also receive a small and adult size nylon buckle collar that should remain on the puppy at all times.
- A bait bag for food rewards. A larger type with a hinge clasp is highly recommended.

### General supplies

- Stainless steel food and water dishes, 2 qt. size should be adequate. Dishes should be rinsed after every feeding.
- Large size travel crate (24" wide x 36" long x 26" high)
  - This size will accommodate most of our adult dogs. Some clubs have a few smaller crates to loan out to aid in housetraining young puppies.
- Enzyme cleaner (Nature's Miracle™ is highly recommended)
  - A good enzyme cleaner removes urine smell and reduces the chance that the puppy will relieve in the same area again.
- A first aid kit

### Grooming supplies

- Baby wipes to clean the outside of ears (alcohol-free, non-scented)
- Ear cleaner - provided by Guide Dogs for the Blind

- Either a soft slicker brush or a rubber curry brush and a comb (The type of brush will depend on the breed of dog; raisers should consult with leader).
- Toenail clippers and/or Dremmel type tool (see Nail Trimming document)
- Styptic powder (to control bleeding if toenail quick is cut)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste (Use only special toothpaste made for dogs. Human toothpaste can make a puppy sick) – provided by Guide Dogs for the Blind

### **Toys**

Please see the “Puppy Raising Toy Policy”

### **Jackets**

The club leaders keep a stock of puppy jackets and may request more or different sizes from Puppy Raising. Only the club leader or CFR can decide when a puppy is ready to be out in public wearing a puppy jacket. Please see “Puppy Jacket Guidelines” in the section “Puppy Socialization”

### **Equipment Items to Return to GDB at Recall**

At the time of the puppy’s recall, Guide Dogs for the Blind requests that raisers return puppy coats, headcollars, and any unused supplies. These supplies may be returned to the leader or to the campus.