



Guide Dogs for the Blind

DOG PLACEMENTS WITH NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

All dogs bred by Guide Dogs for the Blind go on to do wonderful things, whether by becoming a guide dog, a breeder, a K9 Buddy, a service dog for another organization, a therapy dog, or a beloved pet. The gifts of love, companionship and service are invaluable in any situation.

Upon being career changed, some dogs will be identified as candidates to become a K9 Buddy or a dog that provides a service for people through one of our partner organizations. To facilitate these placements, Dog Placement staff has developed relationships with a number of non-profit organizations that wish to receive these well-bred and trained dogs into their programs. With the recommendation of puppy raising and training staff, GDB will attempt to find a placement with one of these organizations within approximately thirty days. If no match is found, these dogs will be placed in another role by GDB, returned to their puppy raisers for adoption or placement if the raiser requests, or adopted to another loving, caring home.

Our Non-profit Partners:

Guide Dogs for the Blind places its career change dogs with a select number of non-profit organizations that have been evaluated and screened by GDB. These organizations will primarily consist of service dog organizations, but may also include organizations such as agencies for the blind, canine search and rescue organizations, and others that GDB believes enhance people's lives. GDB will offer dogs to these designated organizations for adoption prior to the dogs' puppy raisers being offered the option to adopt the dogs. Individuals who wish to adopt a dog for use as a therapy dog, a personal service dog, or a companion will not be prioritized before puppy raisers. Though they vary in mission and size, these organizations all have training methods, veterinary care, and other practices that are consistent with our expectations. Currently, GDB places dogs with:

- Dogs For Diabetics www.dogs4diabetics.com
- Oregon Dogs for the Deaf www.dogsforthedeaf.org
- Paws'itive Teams www.pawsteams.org
- Discovery Dogs www.discoverydogs.org
- Pacific Assistance Dogs www.pads.ca
- Early Alert Canines www.earlyalertcanines.org
- Paws Assisting Veterans (PAVE) www.paveusa.org

- Paws With a Cause www.pawswithacause.org
- Ronald McDonald House Charities, Lubbock, Texas
- Ronald McDonald House, Dallas, Texas

GDB staff has a very thorough application and review process for organizations that wish to receive career change dogs for their programs. To qualify for consideration, all applicants must be non-profit organizations and, when applicable, members of Assistance Dogs International (ADI). In addition, each organization must have a minimum of three years of successful operation and submit three years of financial statements or other evidence which demonstrate its ability to maintain operations and adequately care for its dogs and constituents. Finally, all organizations that wish to receive dogs from GDB, must:

- Provide indoor/outdoor sheltered housing for its dogs
- Practice primarily R+ training methods
- Provide periodic updates to GDB puppy raisers on each dog's progress and invite the raiser to any graduation ceremony
- Return to Guide Dogs for the Blind any career change dog that is not successful in its training with them

Career change dogs that become K9 Buddies and those that are placed with another organization are recognized quarterly at GDB graduations. This includes:

- Invitation to the puppy raisers of each dog to attend and participate in an upcoming graduation
- Announcing the name of the dog, the name of its raiser(s), and the name of the recipient organization during the ceremony
- A slide show of photos showing each dog in its new placement
- Inclusion of the name of the dog, the name of its raiser(s), and the name of the recipient organization in the graduation program

Please note that dogs placed with another organization may not be able to attend the graduation, as they will be in training with that organization or client. K9 Buddy recipients may be able attend the graduation, depending on the distance they live from campus.

GDB knows that puppy raisers love the dogs they have worked so hard to develop, and appreciates the trust puppy raising volunteers have for GDB staff to place dogs as K9 Buddies, as companions, or in other roles that benefit people. GDB is committed to finding high quality placements for all dogs to have comfortable and meaningful lives.