

Guide Dogs for the Blind Project
Mendocino County 4-H – Pathfinders Puppy Raisers
Level Testing Courtesy of
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Proficiency Test – Level 1

Section One – Multiple Choice

Circle the best possible answer or answers for each question. All correct answers are in accordance with the Guide Dog puppy raising manual.

1. How many times should a puppy be given a command?
 - A) 2
 - B) 3
 - C) 1
 - D) As many as needed until the pup completes the command

2. A Guide Dog pup is allowed to play with a fleece toy (squeaker removed) and Gumabone products until what age?
 - A) 3 months
 - B) 4 months
 - C) 5 months
 - D) The whole time they are in a raisers home

3. Which of the following are **inappropriate** corrections to give to a Guide Dog pup? (Circle all that apply)
 - A) Hitting or kicking
 - B) Shaking the puppy or the crate
 - C) "Alpha Roll" (rolling the puppy on their back and holding them there until they submit)
 - D) Electrical shocks
 - E) Throwing objects
 - F) All of the above

4. In which of the following situations must a Guide Dog puppy wear its jacket? (Circle all that apply)
 - A) on a neighborhood walk
 - B) to the store
 - C) to school or work
 - D) to the park
 - E) out to dinner

5. How much money has Guide Dogs agreed to pay for veterinary bills? After this amount Guide Dogs must give special permission (and failure to do so may result in the raiser being held responsible for the cost of the treatment).

- A) \$250
- B) \$350
- C) \$450
- D) Puppy raisers are responsible for all veterinary costs

6. Which of the following items will I be responsible for purchasing for my puppy? (Circle all that apply)

- A) Leather leash
- B) collar
- C) toys
- D) food
- E) Heart Guard and Advantage

7. As a Guide Dog puppy raiser it will be my responsibility to do the following for my puppy: (Circle all that apply)

- A) Teach him how to stop at curbs
- B) Teach appropriate behavior in public
- C) Teach him how to ride on escalators or moving walk ways
- D) Teach basic obedience skills
- E) Teach him how to retrieve items
- F) Teach him appropriate house behavior
- G) Keep the puppy happy and healthy

8. My Guide Dog pup is allowed to consume the following items from its bowl: (Circle all the approved items)

- A) Carrots
- B) Table scraps
- C) Dry dog food
- D) Dog treats
- E) Rib/meat bones
- F) Water

9. Where do the majority of the puppies come from that Guide Dogs for the Blind uses in their program?

- A) The shelter
- B) They are all donated
- C) Guide Dogs breeds their own puppies
- D) The stork brings them

10. Of the following, which is **not** a reason Guide Dogs for the Blind uses the selected breeds for guide work?

- A) Because of their size
- B) Temperament
- C) Because they look good in green
- D) They work well in all climates

11. How often must a puppy raiser turn in a report to their leader on the progress of the puppy?

- A) Once a week
- B) Once a month
- C) Only when the puppy goes back for training
- D) Never

12. Where is Guide Dogs for the Blind located? (Circle all that apply)

- A) Santa Rosa, California
- B) San Rafael, California
- C) Boring, Oregon
- D) Portland, Oregon

13. Which of the following are appropriate forms of praise? (Circle all that apply)

- A) Words
- B) Food
- C) Petting
- D) Treats

14. Which of the following things should be taken care of when leaving your puppy home alone?

- A) Making sure he is physically comfortable
- B) Ensuring that he is left in a puppy proof environment
- C) Making sure he is not left with other dogs
- D) All of the above

Section Two – True/False

For each question decide whether the statement is true or false and circle the correct answer.

1. All puppies need praise in order to succeed.

True or False

2. Since dogs are different from humans they are unable to read our body language.

True or False

3. Your tone of voice can influence your puppy's behavior and his response to commands.
True or False
4. It is ok for my puppy to play with large plastic bottles, for example a gallon juice jug.
True or False
5. My Guide Dog pup is allowed to play tug of war with another dog.
True or False
6. It is ok for Guide Dog pups to be on the furniture (bed, couch, recliner etc.).
True or False
7. Puppy raisers are responsible for all costs required by the puppy.
True or False
8. If my puppy chews its leash Guide Dogs will provide another one.
True or False
9. It's OK to replace my puppy's collar with a colored or holiday collar.
True or False
10. Advantage is a medication applied on the first of every month to prevent fleas on the pups.
True or False
11. Guide Dogs pups are allowed to eat food out of a human hand.
True or False
12. My puppy should always be supervised when it is wearing a leash.
True or False
13. It is OK to teach a Guide Dog pup to retrieve as long as it is with one of their approved toys.
True or False
14. It is important to teach your pup to stay alone.
True or False
15. Rewarding your puppy is as important-or even more important-than the corrections given.
True or False

Section Three- Short answer and Fill-in

For each of the following questions write in the best possible answer for each question in the space provided. Complete sentences are not necessary.

1. What is one important benefit to doing the layover exercise and puppy handling?

2. Do you **have** to take your pup everywhere you go? Explain why or why not.

3. What shots will you be responsible for your puppy receiving?

4. Why should a young puppy be supervised when it is not confined?

5. Is it ok to free feed a Guide Dog pup (always have food available)? If not, how should they be fed?

6. How often do Guide Dogs pups receive Heartgard medication?

7. Name three of the four main breeds that Guide Dogs for the Blind uses in the program.

8. Is your Guide Dog pup allowed to play with other pets? If so, under what conditions?

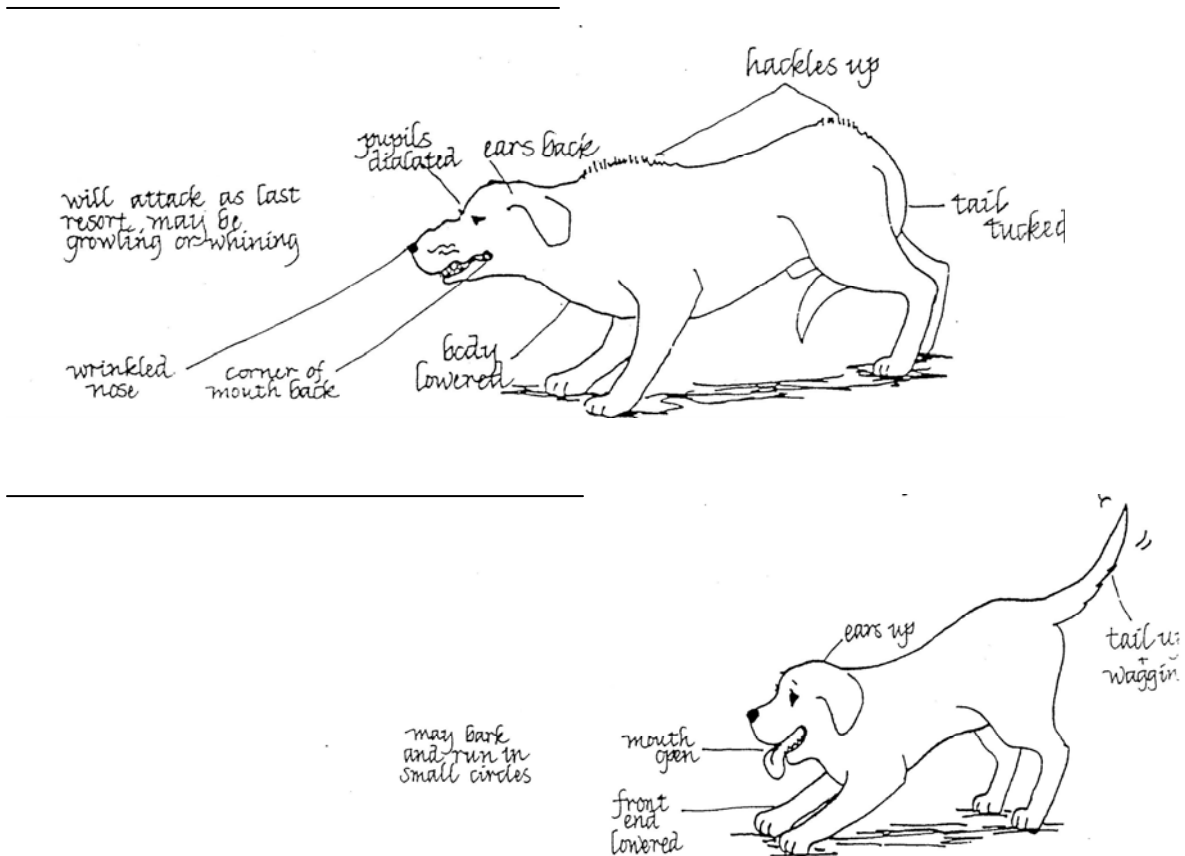
9. Briefly describe the difference between mouthing and biting.

10. There are 12 commands taught to Guide Dog pups. List 8 of them and then explain 4 of those listed.

Section Four- Identifying

Label or identify the following diagrams appropriately with the list of words provided.

In the following identify each body position and give an example of a time when your pup may show this reaction.



Section Five- Demonstration

You will now hand your test to the administrator so that they can observe you performing the following activities.

Described below are the demonstrations for this second level of testing. Adjust the demonstrations if necessary to work with the tools you have. Use the space below each question to make comments and or suggestions.

1. Identify the items in the puppy packet and explain what you believe they should be used for.

2. Using a treat or piece of kibble and the bowl provided, demonstrate how to feed a Guide Dog puppy.

3. A group of toys will be set out. Choose those which are approved toys for a Guide dog puppy to play with.

4. With the puppy provided, demonstrate to the best of your ability how to perform a proper layover.

5. The administrator will give you a series of basic commands and you will demonstrate them with the puppy provided.