

Guide Dogs for the Blind Project
Mendocino County 4-H – Pathfinders Puppy Raisers
Level Testing Courtesy of
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Proficiency Test – Level 2

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. The size of the puppy's crate should be relative to the size of the puppy because... (Circle all that apply)
 - A) If it is too big the puppy might soil it
 - B) If it is too big the puppy could get lost
 - C) If it is too small the puppy won't be able to turn around
 - D) If it is too small the puppy won't be able to stand up

2. An ex-pen can be useful in which of the following situations: (Circle all that apply)
 - A) Teaching a recall
 - B) Closing off an area of the house
 - C) In place of a run or fenced yard
 - D) Making a large area smaller

3. When a puppy is first put on a tie down it may cry, struggle, or scream. When the puppy exhibits these inappropriate behaviors you should:
 - A) Remain calm and ignore the puppy
 - B) Talk to the puppy
 - C) Give the puppy attention until he stops
 - D) Let him off the tie down

4. It is OK for a puppy to fly on an airplane as long as: (Circle all that apply)

New rules apply here. Please talk to you leader prior to considering flying with your puppy.

5. What is the maximum amount of time that a puppy can be left in a crate?

- A) 3 hours
- B) 4 hours
- C) 5 hours
- D) 6 hours

6. A solicitous puppy will exhibit which of the following behaviors?

- A) Pay excessive attention to people
- B) Have an excessive desire to interact with people
- C) May mouth, lick or jump on strangers
- D) All of the above

7. It is ok to put the puppy on a tie down when: (Circle all that apply)

- A) Company comes over
- B) While you run to the store
- C) Meal preparation time
- D) During quiet time

8. Which of the following actions is acceptable when the puppy is wearing a head collar?

- A) Lifting the puppy off the ground by the head collar
- B) Dragging the puppy along
- C) Snaps or a pop & release
- D) None of the above are acceptable

9. If you are going on vacation and are unable to take the puppy with you it is ok to leave the puppy at which of the following locations?

- A) Neighbors house
- B) Puppy sitter approved by the leader
- C) Approved Boarding kennel
- D) Guide Dogs for the Blind Campus
- E) At home

10. Which of the following items is suitable to attach a tie down to?

- A) Chair
- B) Bed Post
- C) Couch
- D) Floor Lamp

11. After how many days of diarrhea (with no other symptoms) should you begin the diarrhea protocol?

- A) Immediately after 1 diarrhea stool
- B) 1 day
- C) 2 days
- D) 3 days

12. When teaching your pup to relieve on command you should give the command of "do your business" ...

- A) Once you get to the relieving area
- B) When the pup begins to relieve
- C) After he has finished
- D) None of the above

13. If the baby puppy starts to relieve while his jacket is on you should...

- A) Remove the jacket quickly
- B) Correct the pup for relieving
- C) Don't make it a big deal, watch the pup closer next time
- D) Pick the pup up to make him stop

Section Two- True/False

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

1. When leaving my puppy alone it is ok to leave him in the ex-pen.

True or False

2. A tie down should be at least 30 inches in length- long enough to permit movement.

True or False

3. Until my puppy is 16 weeks old I must carry him into the vets' office.

True or False

4. It is OK for the puppy to wear a seat belt or car seat restraint while riding in the car.

True or False

5. The ex-pen should be secured to a wall using bungee cords or straps attached to eye bolts.
True or False

6. It is ok to leave the puppy in the car as long as he is in a crate and has enough air.
True or False

7. The puppy is allowed to be on a tie down while riding in the car.
True or False

8. While the puppy is in the crate it is OK for it to have an approved toy.
True or False

9. When taking the puppy out of state or on a trip for more than a week advisor approval is necessary.
True or False

10. The treatment for diarrhea is the same no matter if it is caused by the puppy eating garbage, rich food, bacteria or infectious virus.
True or False

11. Nervousness, walking, eating and drinking will create the need for the puppy to relieve.
True or false

12. Limiting a puppy's water too much can make the pup sick.
True or False

13. You can only correct a puppy for relieving in the house if you catch him in the act.
True or false

Section Three- Short Answer

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. Explain why absorbent bedding such as newspapers or blankets should not be placed in the crate with young puppies.

2. Is it OK to leave a puppy on a tie down unattended? Why or why not?

3. Give a brief response to this comment you may receive when your puppy is wearing a head collar in public, "why is your puppy wearing a muzzle?"

4. When your puppy is less than 20 weeks of age briefly describe the quick "in and out" method that should be used while socializing the pup.

5. Explain why a puppy should never be forced into a situation. It is OK to use a specific example of a situation to clarify the answer.

6. Airbags can be harmful to animals if deployed. There are three places a puppy can safely sit if there is a passenger airbag according to the manual. Name two of them.

7. When a puppy has diarrhea briefly explain how to treat it. Include the two ingredients the pup should be fed as well as important time periods.

8. List 5 items that a grooming kit should contain and explain when and how 2 of the items should be used.

Socialization Guide

The following is a modified version of the puppy socialization guide. Each of the following boxes needs to be filled in with one of the following terms, relative to when it is OK to socialize the puppy in the given situation.

Never
 OK
 Advisor approval

Activity or Distraction	8-16 weeks	4-6 months	6+months
Airline travel			
Amusement Park			
Dog Shows			
Fireworks Display			
Professional Sporting events			
School for the day			
Wild animal park or zoo			
Amusement Rides including carousels			
Animals inc. cats, birds, & livestock			
Uniformed People			
People with glasses, helmets, or beards			
Babies or toddlers			
A big city (downtown)			
Ballgames			
Car rides			
Evening walks			
Friends homes			
Parks			
Restaurants			
Warehouse store (ex: Costco)			
Grates			
Household appliances			
Public transportation			
Stairs			
City sidewalk or sidewalkless -moderate traffic			

Do's and Don't of Puppy Raising

Read the following statements. Then decide if it is something a puppy raiser should or should not do. If the action/activity is appropriate select the **DO** box, if it is incorrect or not allowed select the **DO NOT** box.

Action/Activity	DO	Do Not
Supervise at all times when out, using every opportunity to teach.		
Keep fresh water available at all times.		
Hit or shout at your puppy.		
Keep your yard free of all dog waste.		
Allow your puppy to chase cars or bikes.		
Leave your puppy alone with other dogs in your house, yard or kennel.		
Clean your puppy's crate or sleeping area at least twice a week.		
Allow your puppy to mouth, chew, or bite on people		
Leave your puppy unsupervised outdoors unless he is in a safe, secure kennel.		
Call your puppy in order to correct him.		
Allow other people to pet your puppy.		
Allow your puppy to bark or whine while crated, on a tie-down or in public.		
Allow your puppy to run and get lots of exercise but only in a safely enclosed area.		
Give your puppy baths when he is unusually dirty. Daily brushing keeps puppies clean.		
Give your puppy any medication that has not been approved by your veterinarian.		
Teach your puppy to retrieve or play any sort of retrieve games.		
Practice calmly walking up and down different stairs on a regular basis.		
Permit other people to play rough games with your Guide Dog puppy.		
Confine your puppy on a tie-down under your supervision for at least 15 minutes a day.		
Call your leader and discuss any questions about the management of our puppy.		

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 or tools you have. Use the space below each question to make comments and or suggestions.

1. Have the puppy raiser demonstrate getting into the car with the puppy. Did they use any commands? Were they correct? Did the puppy wait for the OK? You may try putting the pup in two different locations of the car.
2. Demonstrate a calming sit and a layover. In either position have the puppy raiser perform thorough puppy handling. Be sure to include touching of the ears, feet, mouth, tail and stomach.
3. Have the raiser demonstrate how to walk the puppy on a leash. Take notice if the leash is loose and if the pup is on the left. Have the raiser walk at different paces.
4. Properly show how to adjust and put a head collar on the puppy.
5. Demonstrate how to brush the puppy's teeth and clean its ears. Note how the raiser handles the dog and not so much the puppy's reaction- especially if it is not their pup.