

**Guide Dogs for the Blind Project**  
**Mendocino County 4-H – Pathfinders Puppy Raisers**  
*Level Testing Courtesy of*  
*Joelle Aguirre*

**Proficiency Test – Level 3**

**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. Guide Dogs for the Blind was incorporated in ...
  - A) 1940
  - B) 1942
  - C) 1945
  - D) 1947
  
2. When seeding the floor or setting your puppy up, where should the training exercises be practiced?
  - A) In the room where the items normally are
  - B) In the largest room of the house
  - C) In all rooms in the house
  - D) Outside
  
3. When practicing the off leash come which of the following guidelines should be followed? (Circle all that apply)
  - A) You and the pup should always be in an enclosed area.
  - B) Give a verbal correction if the pup does not come to you
  - C) Say the pups name followed by the command
  - D) When first teaching the command, distractions in the room are acceptable
  
4. The length of a standard season in a female dog is...
  - A) 19 days
  - B) 21 days
  - C) 23 days
  - D) 25 days

5. Which of the following rules will help you to be an effective leader with your pup?

- A) Think like a dog
- B) Express confidence and maintain a calm, assured demeanor
- C) Follow through every time you give a command
- D) All of the above

6. When you take your pup out in public it is important to remember that you are representing...

- A) Your puppy club
- B) Guide Dogs for the Blind
- C) Working guides
- D) All of the above

7. Which of the following types of play are appropriate to engage in with your pup?

- A) Wrestling
- B) Rough housing
- C) Chase games or racing
- D) None of the above

8. It is ok for the pup to wear a training collar when...

- A) He is in his kennel
- B) You are present
- C) He is in the crate
- D) Any time it doesn't matter

9. A primary rule in teaching a dog is, "Do not give a command ...

- A) the pup will not understand"
- B) you can not enforce"
- C) without using the pups' name"
- D) when the pup is looking away"

### Section Two- True/False

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

1. Guide Dogs for the Blind was the first guide dog school on the west coast.

True or False

2. When seeding the floor, laying out 8 items which your pup has shown interest in is too many.  
True or False
3. Dogs have two types of behavior, one is instinctual or natural and the other is an inherited behavioral response.  
True or False
4. It is ok to call your pup to come when performing an activity the pup does not enjoy such as bathing or clipping nails.  
True or False
5. It is important to closely watch female dogs for signs of being in heat, since all dogs are different and failing to identify a cycle may lead to an accidental breeding.  
True or False
6. When seeding the floor it is OK to let the puppy sniff the selected inappropriate items.  
True or False
7. Your pup will interact with you and your family the same way he would with the members of a canine pack.  
True or False
8. Your pup must always have your permission to exit a doorway or a vehicle.  
True or False
9. When a pup is called to come and does not respond it can lead to games such as keep away.  
True or False
10. The order or sequence in which lessons are taught to a pup is not important as long as he learns them all.  
True or False
11. It is OK to jog or run with your pup.  
True or False
12. "No" is a command that can be given more than once to stop a behavior.  
True or False

13. It is OK to feed the pup in the kitchen while you are preparing a meal.

True or False

14. A pup must learn to play with you with and without a toy.

True or False

15. Leader approval is required before a training collar can be used.

True or False

16. The word "No" should always be used in conjunction with a leash or collar correction.

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. Who were the two main founders of Guide Dogs for the Blind?

2. When seeding the floor, briefly explain what should be done if the puppy picks up an approved toy and what should you do if the puppy accidentally picks up the inappropriate item?

3. Number the following come exercises in the order they should be taught, with number 1 being the first exercise taught. Then briefly describe an ideal off leash come - including the role of the puppy raiser and the response of the puppy.

Long line come

Off leash come

On leash come

4. Describe two signs you might see when a female dog is coming into, or in heat.

5. Briefly describe the initial need for guide dogs. Include who it was that needed them and why.

6. Why should puppy raisers avoid using the word "No" as a command in public?

7. When playing with a pup, who should stop the play and why?

8. What was the name of the first serviceman and his guide to graduate from Guide Dogs for the Blind?

### **Application**

Below are common situations puppy raisers often find themselves in. Read over each of the situations, once you have the best possible answer, hand your test to your leader. This part of the test will be administered verbally.

1. A fellow raiser comes to you and says that their puppy is always taking tissues from the trash. They say when they put the dragline on he knows the difference and won't take the tissues, but as soon as the dragline comes off, he will try to take them again. They say their pup is just too smart - what should they do?

2. Your puppy is very friendly and he likes to sniff everything - the people he meets, the flowers he walks by, the seats on the bus and even the things he sees everyday at home. How do you know what is allowed sniffing and what is excessive? Is it ok for him to sniff the things in your home?

3. My puppy tends to jump over grates. What can I do to help him not be afraid and to teach him to walk on any surface?

4. You walk into a restaurant where an employee greets you but says that your pup is not allowed. How do you respond?

5. You are in the grocery store and when you turn down a new aisle your pup stops dead in his tracks. There is a giant stuffed animal staring back at your pup. The pup cowers and lets out a small woof. How do you react to this situation?