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ANSWER SHEET

Answers for Review / Discussion
Grades 4 – 8

1. **What are the three breeds of dogs used by Guide Dogs of America?**

Labrador Retriever, German Shepherd, and Golden Retriever.

2. **One of these breeds is used in three different colors. What is the breed and which colors are used?**

Labrador Retriever -- Black, Yellow, and Chocolate.

3. **Name three important things “Puppy Raisers” do with their puppies?**

Provide love, basic obedience training, and socialization with other people and animals.

They also expose the puppies to a wide variety of experiences.

4. **What are three qualities a dog must have to be a guide dog?**

Intelligence, Strength, Dependability, and Even Temperament.

5. **How old are most guide dogs when they begin their service? How long do they usually work?**

Approximately 2 years old. They usually work 8 – 10 years.

6. How does a guide dog know it is on-the-job?

When it is wearing its' harness.

7. What should you do if you encounter a working dog? Why?

Do not distract or try to feed the dog. The dog needs to devote its full attention to the person it is responsible for.

8. Guide dogs must be able to learn "intelligent" or "selective" disobedience. What is this and why is it important?

Intelligent, or selective, disobedience is when a guide dog knows to disobey any command that would put its handler in danger. This is very important at crosswalks so they can navigate any situation safely.

9. How long does it take to train a guide dog?

About 4 to 6 months with an instructor; then an additional 4 weeks on class training with its blind master.

Projects for further study:

- 1. Research the history of guide or seeing eye dogs. Present your information in pictures, in an essay, or an oral report.***
- 2. Research the history and uses of one of these breeds: German Shepherd, Golden Retriever, or Labrador Retriever. Use illustrations with your report.***
- 3. Write a story or poem about a blind person and his / her guide dog.***
- 4. Make a list of things you could do to help a blind person.***
- 5. Read a book about a blind person and report on it to your class.***
- 6. Have a classroom or school fund raising project to sponsor a Guide Dog Puppy. See the "How You Can Help!!" information sheet for more details.***

