



Guide Dogs of America

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Answers for Review / Discussion

Grades 1 – 3

1. Check the three breeds of dogs used by Guide Dogs of America as guide dogs.
 - a. Labrador Retriever
 - b. Boxer
 - c. German Shepherd
 - d. Chihuahua
 - e. Golden Retriever
 - f. Dalmatian
2. One of these breeds is used in three different colors. What is the breed and which colors are used?

The breed is: Labrador Retriever

The three colors are:

 - a. Yellow
 - b. Brown
 - c. White & Black
 - d. Black
 - e. Red
 - f. Grey
3. Check the traits that dogs need to have to become successful guide dogs. (Check all the best answers)
 - a. Intelligent
 - b. Black
 - c. Strong
 - d. Dependable
 - e. Even Tempered
 - f. Good Workers
 - g. Medium – Large
 - h. Approximately 2 years old
4. What does a guide dog do to help a blind person? (Check all the best answers)
 - a. Helps the blind person get around safely
 - b. Follows the commands of the blind person
 - c. Sleeps
 - d. Helps the blind person be more independent
5. What is the recommended minimum age a person should be to have a guide dog?
 - a. 5 year's old
 - b. 18 years old
 - c. 50 years old

6. How do blind people learn to work with a guide dog?
- They attend 4 weeks of formal training at the GDA campus.
 - They teach themselves by working with the dog.
7. What is the cost of training a guide dog?
- \$100.00
 - Approximately \$42,000.00
 - \$1,000,000.00
8. How does the guide dog know when it is "on-the-job"?
- When it is wearing its harness.
 - Whenever it is outside.
9. What should you do if you see a guide dog that is "on-the-job" with a blind person? (Check all the best answers)
- Allow the dog to give its full attention to the job, do not distract it.
 - Do not feed the dog.
 - Do not talk to the dog.
 - Do not pet the dog or try to play with it.
10. What does a puppy raising family do? (Check all the best answers)
- Volunteer to raise a puppy from 8 weeks old until it is ready to begin formal training at approximately 18 months old.
 - Provide love, basic obedience and important socialization.
 - Teach the dog tricks.

Projects for further study:

1. Read a book about a blind person and report on it to your class.
2. Draw a picture showing how a guide dog helps a blind person.
3. Write a short story about a blind person and his / her guide dog.
4. 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.