



Partners

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7th Annual Parade of Partners

Recognizing Donors' and Volunteers' Continued Generosity

With this issue, Guide Dogs of America celebrates its seventh-annual Parade of Partners. Seven is a number that is considered "lucky." At GDA we feel much more than luck every day. We feel fortunate, honored and grateful. We are fortunate to have the support of the many individuals, families, donors and sponsors whose generosity of time and resources allows us to graduate about 50 guide dog teams every year. We are honored that they have chosen Guide Dogs of America as their charity. We are grateful to them because they have made it possible for GDA to continue with its mission of providing guide dogs and instruction in their use, free of charge so that the visually impaired may continue to pursue their goals with increased mobility and independence.

"At a cost of approximately \$42,000 to graduate each team and without the support of any government funding, we rely solely on the support and generosity of our volunteers and donors," said GDA President Dale Hartford.

"We are abundantly grateful and appreciative for every person and every organization for their monetary donations and the countless hours of dedicated volunteerism. When you read these lists, know that each and every one has contributed greatly to the continuing success of our guide dog program and our school. On behalf of GDA, its staff and our graduates I want to thank all of those that appear on these lists and the six previous 'Parade of Partners' lists. We could not be successful without them."

Throughout the year, we have the opportunity to thank many of you and, on occasion, we have the chance to share our heartfelt gratitude in person. Being that we serve blind men and women throughout the United States and Canada, our generous donors and volunteers may live hundreds or even thousands of miles from GDA. To them and to all of you, we hope that you will continue to keep us close in your hearts. With each issue of Partners, we hope we bring you closer to the school and that you enjoy reading the articles and news about GDA and the incredible people and dogs behind our program.

In this seventh-annual Parade of Partners, we are honoring several new "partners," as well as many returning honorees. In addition to the names listed here, we would also like to thank the numerous families, individuals and organizations who have volunteered their time, made monetary donations or designated GDA in charitable giving programs. If we have inadvertently left off your name on any of the lists or you would like to find out how to be included in next year's Parade of Partners, contact Lorri Bernson at lmbernson@guidedogsofamerica.org or call (818) 833-6431.

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Vet's Corner

Puppy Proofing Your Home



You've bought the food, water bowl, chew toys, collar and leash and you're ready to bring home your new puppy or dog, right? Not quite.

Puppies have a tremendous amount of energy and natural curiosity. They love to explore the world around them and frequently do so by biting, chewing (and eating), which can be hazardous to their health and safety. Before your new addition comes home, you will need to "puppy proof." A good rule to follow is that anything that is not safe for children is not safe for pets. The following are general tips and guidelines to help ensure many happy and healthy years with your dog:

Indoors

- Tie up loose electrical cords and keep them out of sight. Run cords through purchased spiral cable wrap, cord concealers or even PVC pipe to keep them safe from your puppy; it is also a good idea to cover electrical outlets when they are not in use

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Mission Statement

Guide Dogs of America is dedicated to its mission to provide guide dogs and instruction in their use, free of charge, to blind and visually impaired men and women from the United States and Canada so that they may continue to pursue their goals with increased mobility and independence.

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- Keep small objects (buttons, string, jewelry, coins, pins, dental floss, rubber bands, paper clips, toys, etc.) and other sharp objects out of your puppy's reach
- Store laundry and shoes behind closed doors (drawstrings and buttons can cause major problems if swallowed)
- Close toilet lids to prevent your puppy from drowning or drinking harmful cleaning chemicals
- Remove medications, lotions or cosmetics off of accessible surfaces such as nightstands
- Use a trash can with a lid or put it inside a latched cabinet
- Keep foods out of reach (even if the food isn't harmful, the wrapper could be)
- Move common house plants that may be poisonous out of reach; ask your vet or garden store for a list of these plants
- Cover heating/air vents
- Screen off fireplaces and wood stoves; never leave your puppy unattended in a room with an open flame or space heater

Outdoors and Garages

- Never leave your puppy unsupervised inside or outside and keep him off balconies, upper porches and high decks where he can slip through openings and fall
- Know which plants are harmful to your dog (more than 80 varieties of common house and yard plants are toxic if eaten) and either remove them from your yard or fence them off; if you're not sure ask your vet or garden store
- Don't use fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides on the ground in the puppy's area if possible; if these chemicals must be used, keep the pup off the lawn for at least 48 hours afterward
- Clean all antifreeze from the floor and driveway; it's sweet taste is enticing, yet it is extremely toxic and can be fatal to animals

Remember to supervise your puppy closely when you first bring him home to make sure you have not missed something dangerous to his safety. Post your veterinarian's number by the phone and keep a pet first-aid book that includes a list of common poisons and what to do if your dog swallows them on hand.

The Wind Up and The Pitch... For Guide Dogs of America



On Monday, Aug. 29, GDA's Public Relations/Community Liaison and graduate Lorri Bernson and her guide dog Carter took the mound at Los Angeles' Dodger Stadium. Lorri and Carter are sponsored by Dodger General Manager Ned Colletti and the Dodgers Dream Foundation. With more than 300 GDA friends and family members among the crowd of more than 20,000, the first pitch was not the only "pitch" made that evening for Guide Dogs of America. Before Lorri took the mound and several times throughout the game, a video about Guide Dogs of America and the work it does was shown on the big screen. It also received national attention on several TV stations and Internet news sites.



In Memory



It is with a heavy heart that we note the passing of William "Bill" Weigand. Bill was a member of the Board of Directors at Guide Dogs of America and held the title of First Vice President. He was also a proud member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers for 57 years, where he represented and organized many individuals until his retirement.

Bill lived life to its fullest and his cheerful greetings and stories will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife Judy and six children, 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

With great sadness, we note the recent loss of GDA family members:

Frank Pavolillo – Class #304 and in-home

Harold Shapiro – Class #351

We are also sad to note the passing of the following guide dogs and honor them for their dedication to ensuring the safety and independence of their partners:

Patrick – Class #318 **Ranger** – Class #326 **Louise** – Class #338

Vesper – Class #323 **Fletch** – Class #335

Everyday and Easy Ways to Make a Donation to GDA



We thank all of you who choose to contribute to GDA by shopping at participating grocery stores with your club cards. By registering your cards (details follow) and designating GDA, a percentage of your total grocery bill is donated to the school every time you shop. The following provides important instructions about how to register your club card to begin or renew your support of GDA.

Ralphs

Register or renew your Ralphs Rewards Card through the Ralphs website

(www.ralphs.com) to designate Guide Dogs of America as your charity of choice. To register your card for the first time, click on "Services," then "Community Contributions," then "Enroll." In the "Find Your Organization" field, type Guide Dogs of America. If you have registered your card previously, Ralphs requires that you renew your registration each September in order to continue to contribute to GDA. Login to your account, confirm your information is correct and click on "Edit Community Contributions Information" and, once again, designate Guide Dogs of America. Click on "Save Changes" and log out.

A percentage of your purchases will begin accruing within 72 hours of your online registration/renewal. Within seven to 10 business days, you will see at the bottom of your Ralphs receipt: "At your request, Ralphs is donating to Guide Dogs of America."

If you have questions or need assistance, please call (818) 833-6438.

Food 4 Less

If you have a Food 4 Less Card, you do not need to register or renew the card. If you don't have a card, please call (818) 833-6438 and we will send you a pre-registered card that will ensure a percentage of every purchase you make is donated to GDA.

Journey to Independence Begins with a Round-trip Ticket

Our GDA students come from all over the United States and Canada, which means, for many of them, their 28-day training at the school begins and ends on an airplane. GDA is able to cover 100% of all students' travel expenses, including airline tickets, by purchasing their tickets using frequent flyer miles on United Airlines that have been donated to the school.

If you or someone you know have unused miles with United Airlines' Mileage Plus program, they can be donated directly to GDA to help support our program.

To donate your miles, have your account number ready and contact United Mileage Plus Customer Service at (800) 421-4655.

GoodSearch.com/GoodShop.com

Every time you search or shop on the Internet, you can make a donation to Guide Dogs of America ... and it's so easy.

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is an online shopping mall that donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause. Hundreds of well-known retail stores — including Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble — have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

And if you use GoodSearch as your computer's default search engine and enter Guide Dogs of America when asked for your charity, our cause will earn money when you shop or even just search online.

We hope that you will share this helpful information with your friends and family.

Give to GDA as Your Gift to Family, Friends and Loved Ones This Holiday Season

A great gift idea and a very special way to support GDA during the holidays is to make a contribution in the name of your family, loved ones and friends. Your contribution lets those important people on your list know how much you care about the work we do. It also lets them know they have been remembered by you in a thoughtful way that makes



them a part of giving the gift of companionship and mobility to those who are visually impaired. A handwritten card, with a special message, will be sent to those you designate with your donation. For more information, call (818) 833-6429.

Matching Gifts

Many companies offer a matching gift program to their employees. These programs match, dollar-for-dollar, charitable contributions made by an employee, doubling the donation made to Guide Dogs of America.

If you are thinking of making a donation to Guide Dogs of America, ask your employer if it offers a matching gift program.

Year-Round Giving One Month at a Time

Many of our supporters make monthly donations to GDA using our convenient automatic donation program. At the beginning of each month, we automatically charge your credit card in the amount you specify. At year's end, you will receive a thank you letter with a donation total for your tax records. Call (818) 833-6429 with questions or to participate.



Breeding Dog Families

GDA's breeding dogs directly contribute to the future of our school by continuing bloodlines that breed the physical and mental characteristics best suited to the work of a guide dog. We thank our breeding dog families whose commitment to our program and dedication to keeping our breeder dogs healthy, happy and safe and ensuring future generations of guides.

Gino & Maggie Domico Winn
 Bob & Pam English Ember
 Bill Estrada Vida
 Emily Guske Christy
 Mark & Diane Haskell Leila
 Ron & Penny Hyde Reggie
 Steve & Carol Kopman Nora
 Rich & Peggy Kollen Blessing
 Richard & JoAnn Mason Liberty
 Brian & Nancy Matthews Ellie
 Michael & Ronni Mayer Madison
 Bob & Sharrell Rann Kirken
 Butch & Karen Reyburn Iggy
 Colleen Sparks Raina
 Tracy Stansfield Emilee
 Richard Stevens Annie
 Peter & Sarah Sutro Elsa
 Matthew & Amy Toussaint Catlin

For information about our Breeding Program, please contact Meri Forman at (818) 833-6461.

Please note: The names that appear on this list indicate those families with newly designated breeding dogs during this past GDA fiscal year (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011).

Puppy Raisers

Bringing up a puppy from an eight-week-old bundle of paws and jaws into a well-socialized and trainable dog of 16 to 18 months requires time, energy, patience, dedication and love. Our puppy raisers do all this with the knowledge they will give up the dog they have been committed to and grown to love to GDA to begin formal training for the job it was born to do. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our puppy raisers and extend our most sincere gratitude to the many individuals and families who take our puppies into their homes and their hearts.

Alan & Beverly Adams Rocky
 Aki & Setsu Akada Hina
 Browning & Jennifer Allen Basha
 Judie & Lauren Amendola Hope
 Scott & Susan Armaninov Laika
 Nancy Ayers Scarlet
 Barber Family Dahlia
 Barger Family Mitsu
 Julie & Katie Barnes King
 Barneson Family Rory
 Roxanne Baudry Lundie
 Terry & Julie Bauer Tobey
 Behringer Family Keno
 Stephanie Blackman & Julianna Lamm Blake
 Alan & Cindy Bleemers Gidget
 Mary Bouvier Ulysses
 Cliff & Diana Bramlette Massimo
 Kurt & Kellie Brimberrry Alden
 Teri & Emily Bristol Cara
 Brodie Family Leo
 Dave & Mary Brown Jojo
 Denise Brown Gentry
 Rachel Brown Max
 Terri & Erika Buck Lily
 Mike & Jamie Calvert Ringo
 Carmichael Family Regan
 Cassidy Family Gwen
 Mike & Mary Charlton Kramer
 Chavez Family Dulce
 Sarah Jane & Chantal Chelin Maverick
 Georgia Childs Nya
 Dena Chovanec Mazie
 Jordan & Jessica Coleman Bea
 Rachel Conway Gideon
 Coons Family Chicago
 John & Kristine Coyle Raleigh
 Ray & Terry Crawford Scooter

Dave & Carla Crawley Tonto
 Lee & Charlene Cunningham Kasey
 Chuck & Pat Czuleger Miles
 Ivon Dahl Rio
 BobbieJo & Tiffany Dean Verona & Paisley
 DeBruno Family Nara
 Mary Deets Hopi & Apache
 Delgado Family Journey & Hurley
 Michael & Frances DeLelio Sophie
 Enrique Del Real Neptune
 Jenny Dennis Whistler
 Gino & Maggie Domico Sasha
 Lucy Eaton & Janet Hay Moley
 Trey & Alexis Edwards Moxie
 Eller Family Neo
 Curtis & Laura Eng Maui
 Bob & Pam English Asha
 Karlen English Gracy
 Sue & Mary Esposito Neeka
 Jennifer Evans Payton
 Naomi Fate Nadia
 Wolf & Jenny Fengler Jethro
 Fenstermaker Family Douglas
 Marion & Samantha Figueroa Tamiko
 Tom Fisher & Pax Tisdale DeeDee
 Dick & Joan Freiheit Jewel
 Ginger & Sydney Fujishige Hazel
 Laura Fuller Trigg
 Angel & Stacy Garnica Capri
 Stan & Val Goldstein Lucy
 Valerie & Kelly Gould Katani
 Graff Family Sunny
 Ken & Faith Green Legend
 Bill & Kelley Greene Henry
 Bill & Katie Greening Austin
 Estelle & Kathy Guerineau Java
 Guske Family Cricket
 Christina Guza Nicholas
 Paul & Barbara Guziak Rooney
 Greg & Fiona Hahn Delana
 Kirsten Halesworth Jeanie
 Lewis & Elizabeth Hall Oliver
 Harris Family Tawny
 Jane Hatkow Noki
 Steve & Melinda Heir-Goetz Lainy
 Stephanie Henderson Tommy
 Kara Hericks Kai
 Hessel-Epstein Family Euro
 Hoekendorf Family Legacy
 Steve & Gayle Hoffman Selah
 Hollander Family Huck
 Steve & Judi Hoppes Huntley
 Meighan Howard Duncan
 Gretchen Hubert Gala

Marty & Judy Husted Jenny
 Melissa Hyams Dodger
 Jackson Family Sheena
 Steve & Cindy Jaquay Kodiak
 Jarvis Family Duff
 Jewell Family Wesley
 Rebecca Johnson Jenell
 Susie Johnson Kudos
 Brent Jones & Kim Perez Link
 Naomi Jost Ryu
 Glyn Judson Sal
 Kaleel Family Morgan
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 Lang Family Puma
 Jim Lee & Felicia Gin Nia
 Gail Leonard Perkins & Giro
 Martin Levy & Diane Victor Flora
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 Kevin O'Neill Jackie
 Oppenheim Family Hunter
 Tom & Gabriela Park Rugby
 Phyllis Paul Wana
 Michaela & Janel Paulus Hadie
 Pennala Family Vacchi
 Amy Perdon Preston
 Carl Peterson Gareth
 Popken Family Noby
 Al & Debbie Price Easton
 Quinton Family Luke
 Raveling Family Elvis
 Randy & Lorry Rawding Leelo
 Tom & Judy Reilly Milo
 Rusty & Wendy Reinoehl Purdi
 Kenneth & Gayle Reizes Fiona
 Katelyn Revitte Calvin
 Butch & Karen Reyburn Nels
 Art Richardson & Kathy Tallant Charlie
 Craig Ridenour & Barbara Hiser Keely
 Mike Roach & Shauna Thomas Etta
 Rodriguez Family Porter
 Audrey Rohrer Theodore
 Grace & Maya Romero Dover
 Ralph & Mindy Romero Kiana
 Rejean & Martha Royer Nixie
 Robert Ruby Cain
 Jacqueline Rueda Liliane
 Gary & Stephanie Ruggerone Fayme
 Dena Russo Mason
 Anne Sanguinetti Winter
 Karen Schmid Timber
 Jason Schubb Smokey
 Bill & Grace Scully Albert
 Sega Family Mattie
 Semeleng Family Harry
 Nick & Mindy Sharp Thiele
 Ron & Joan Shaw Fiesta



Bob & Yvette Sheehan Freedom
 Jason & Shannon Shoup Lexy
 Simon Family Portia
 Michelle Skidmore Lola
 Joe & Holly Slyker Palmer
 David & Rebecca Smith Joey
 Smith Family Nevin & Ticklish
 Ele & Diana Snyder Oswald
 Kristen & Riley Spain Kruiser
 Missy Stayton Waggs
 Harry & Nancy Steek Gibson
 Bob & Kathie Stegemann Ulani
 Sandy Steinblums Talli
 Richard Stevens Jessie
 Strenk Family Nessa
 Mike & Barri Stryer Kaptain
 Cherry Teter Ace & Pondo
 Kathy Trauger Presley & Montana
 Treston-Albranian Family Walter
 Uroff Family Patton
 Cindy Valancius Woodrow & Webster
 Mike & Maria Volker Nikki
 Bryan & Karen Warloe Scioscia
 Wette Family Gatsby
 Tony & Jill Werner Draco
 Donna Weyman Scully
 Glenn & Lynne Whiteford Willa & Gemma
 Alane Woods Bailee
 Rebecca & Debbie Wroblewski Autumn
 Bob & Moira Wunderlich Poppy
 Darren Yasukochi & Kimberly Hirano Jordyn



For information about becoming a puppy raiser, visit the GDA website, www.guidedogsofamerica.org and click on "Puppy Raising" or call Louise Henderson at (818) 833-6441.

Please note: The names that appear on this list include only those puppy raisers with whom a puppy-in-training was placed in their home during this past GDA fiscal year (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011).

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GDA Sponsors



We would like to “paws” to express our gratitude to all of the families, individuals, businesses, schools and private organizations that have generously donated to the GDA Sponsor fund.

Guide Dog Team Sponsors (\$42,000) – Covers all expenses associated with successfully matching a student with a guide dog companion.

Guide Dog Sponsors (\$21,000) – Includes the cost

of breeding, raising and training a guide dog.

Guide Dog Training Sponsors (\$10,000) – Covers all costs while a future guide dog is in training for four to six months, including all evaluations, medical care and food.

Puppy Sponsors (\$5,000) – Supports the breeding and care of one puppy until approximately 18 months of age. Puppy sponsors receive quarterly updates and photos from the puppy raisers.

Student Accommodation Sponsors (\$3,000) – Covers the student’s room and board expenses for 28 days in the dormitory, travel expenses and a guide dog graduation kit.

Newborn Litter Sponsors (\$2,500) – Covers the cost of breeding, delivery and additional expenses for one litter up to seven weeks of age.

Newborn Puppy Sponsors (\$1,000) – Funds the cost of the breeding and delivery of one puppy.

Guide Dog Team Sponsors – \$42,000

California Community Foundation
 Ned Colletti & the Dodgers Dream Foundation
 Sharon D. Lund Foundation
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Guide Dog Sponsors – \$21,000

Pauline Crawford Moby
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Guide Dog Training Sponsors – \$10,000

Lockheed Martin AERO (Aeronautics Employees’ Reaching Out) Club

Puppy Sponsors – \$5,000

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 Saddleback Valley Delta Gamma Alumnae Anchor

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 Brenda Ecken DeeDee
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 Hobie Schram Memorial
 Charity Golf Tournament..... Grayson, Rosie, Sal, Talli, Thiele
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 Los Angeles Kiwi Chapter Bailey
 Knisely Family Foundation Hunter
 Helen Levin..... Scully
 Nemecek & Cole..... Lola
 Purina Pro Plan..... Timber
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 Simi Valley Boots and Slippers Square Dance Club..... Gentry, Grady
 Macki Singer Rugby
 Darry & Susan Sragow Clint
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Student Accommodation Sponsors - \$3,000

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 The Gerald M. & Elizabeth A. Jennings Foundation
 Lockheed Martin AERO (Aeronautics Employees’ Reaching Out) Club
 Sidney Stern Memorial Trust
 Rhea Snyder
 VPI Pet Insurance

Newborn Puppy Sponsors - \$1,000

Keith & Cynthia Anderson
 Sharon L. Buck
 Crane Fund for Widows and Children
 Delta Chi Sigma Sorority – Gamma Xi Chapter
 GenCorp Foundation on behalf of Aerojet IAM employees, Local 943
 Gilson Family Fund of the California Community Foundation
 Beverly Johnson
 Debbie Wilson
 Carl E. Wynn Foundation

All our sponsors are presented with photos of their puppies. If you would like to become a GDA Sponsor, please call Daryl Lasky at (818) 833-6427 or email him at dlasky@guidedogsofamerica.org.

Please note: The names that appear on this list indicate those individuals, families and organizations who became Sponsors during this past GDA fiscal year (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011).



Partners in Trust

When members of the Partners in Trust Society decide to name GDA in their wills, trusts and life insurance policies, these individuals chose to support GDA beyond their lifetime. We sincerely thank them for including GDA in their estate plans, in any amount, and are truly honored to be a part of their legacy:

Anonymous (3)
 Lorraine Carvajal
 Donna Cohen
 Ms. Pamela Grauer & Dr. Lial Kofoed
 Diane Hartz
 Sharon Mazin & Gary Brustin
 Donald Tracy

The following friends have left us but, long into the future, their intentions will be at work helping GDA to breed, raise and train dogs:

William D. Bartley
 Sally Cairns
 Consuelo Lopez Castro
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For additional information about how you can leave a future gift to GDA, go to www.guidedogsofamerica.org, click on "How to Help," then click on "Gift Planning." Or call Rhonda Bissell at (818) 833-6432.

Please note: The names that appear on this list indicate those individuals who have included GDA in their estate plans during this past GDA fiscal year (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011).



Merchandise

GDA Men's Camp Shirt. Black with white logo on the left sleeve. Made in the U.S.A. Camp shirt is 52% polyester; 48% bamboo charcoal. Men's sizes: S-3XL. \$43 (includes shipping & handling).

GDA Hooded Zippered Sweatshirt. Navy blue with GDA logo on front. Made in the U.S.A. Sweatshirt is 100% pre-shrunk cotton. Adult sizes: S - 3XL. \$50 (includes shipping & handling).



FALL 2011 Order Form

Questions? Call (818) 833-6429. ***All Shipping & Handling is included***

Mail this entire form with your payment.

Men's Camp Shirt — \$43 (includes shipping & handling)

SM MED LRG XL 2XL 3XL \$

Hooded Zippered Sweatshirt — \$50 (includes shipping & handling)

SM MED LRG XL 2XL 3XL \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

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Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: ____ / ____

Signature: _____ CCV: _____

(required for credit card purchase)

Check (make your check payable to **Guide Dogs of America**)

Mail to: Guide Dogs of America ATTN: Fall Merchandise Order Form, 13445 Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar, CA 91342 **Or use the enclosed envelope.**

If You Would Like to Lend a Paw...

In this issue of the GDA newsletter, we are committed to recognizing our "Partners" for the time, energy and resources they contribute to support GDA and its mission: To provide loyal and loving guide dogs, free of charge, to blind and visually impaired individuals. GDA does not receive any government funding and could not continue to fulfill its mission without your generous support.

For more information about how you can become involved in our mission, please visit the "How to Help" section of the Guide Dogs of America website at www.guidedogsofamerica.org. You can also contact us via e-mail at mail@guidedogsofamerica.org or by phone at (818) 362-5834.



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Your CFC contribution helps us breed, raise and train extraordinary guide dogs.

These intelligent dogs are provided free of charge and offer trustworthy assistance and companionship to visually impaired men and women as they strive to live their lives to the fullest.

Congratulations Graduates

Class #370
(no photo available)

Graduates (Puppy Raiser in parentheses):

Jeff Hedburg-Thomas & Wrangler (*Steve & Cindy Jaquay*), Ruben Ibarra & Dallas (*The Murphy Family*), Tiffany Johnson & Dilly (*The Carlton Family*), Johnny Leon & Louie (*Jason Shubb*), Tim Lopez & Dooley (*Steve & Judi Hoppes*), Jaimeson Meza & Garfield (*Audrey Rohrer*), Jay Nichols & Kennedy (*The Brimberry Family*), Debbie Shane & Obie (*Nancy Ayers*)

Instructors: Tiffany Andrews, Bryan Young, Dave Ponce

In-Home: Bonnie Lyon & Westin (*The Wetter Family*), Diane Ryan & Dazzle (*Alizon & Gavrielle Harris*), Bob Acosta & Angus (*Trish McCay*), Ken Metz & Cari (*Rachel Conway*), Gene O'Hearn & Galaxi (*The Anderson Family*), Gerry Homer & Kestrel (*Judy Kovaric*)

2nd Annual Holiday Card Contest

This Year's Holiday Memories; Next Year's GDA Holiday Card



You know your precious pup or adorable dog brings you comfort and joy year-round, but he or she could be sending holiday cheer to everyone next holiday season. Send us your favorite holiday photo of your GDA pooch to be entered in the 2nd annual GDA Holiday Photo Contest. Only one entry

per family, please. The winning photo will be used for the 2012 GDA holiday card. Submission details follow:

- All photos MUST BE TAKEN IN HIGH RESOLUTION (minimum size 5"x7" at 300 dpi) and submitted in JPEG format via email to partners@guidedogsofamerica.org by **FEBRUARY 29, 2012** and that the winner will be selected on March 15, 2012.
- Winner will be notified on June 15, 2012 and will be posted on our website
- Please make sure that the email includes your full name, address and phone number
- All photo entries become the property of GDA
- Credit for the winning photo will be given

New Employees

Please join us in welcoming a new employee:
Mark Adams – Maintenance Superintendent