GDA Honors Donors and Volunteers in 9th Annual Parade of Partners

**Parade of Partners** is our once-a-year opportunity to publicly thank our many donors and volunteers. There are those of you we see regularly at GDA and our events whom we have the opportunity to thank in person; and others who keep us close in their hearts even though they live far away.

In this, the ninth annual *Parade of Partners*, we are honoring several new “Partners,” as well as many returning honorees. We extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to each of them. 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. Our “Parade” honors those whose support during this past fiscal year (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013) has helped GDA in countless ways.

“Without their donations, commitments and decisions to choose GDA as the recipient of their generosity, the school could not exist,” said GDA President Dale Hartford. “The support of our donors and volunteers allows us to graduate over 50 guide dogs teams every year, at a cost of $42,000 each, without government funding and at absolutely no cost to our graduates. We are extremely grateful and appreciative for every person and every organization that, when they think of giving of themselves, chooses to give to GDA.”

For many of you, this newsletter may be the only regular contact you have with GDA. Therefore, with each issue, it is our goal to bring the spirit of the school to you through feature articles, profiles and updates we hope you find informative, educational and interesting. In preparing this issue, we invited our graduates to share their appreciation in their own words. Many of their expressions of gratitude appear throughout this newsletter.

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 lmberenson@guidedogsofamerica.org or call (818) 833-6431.

**Graduates Express Gratitude**

For this special issue we asked our graduates if they would like to express their thanks to those who made it possible for them to receive their guide dogs at no cost to them. Their heartfelt responses appear in this column and on the next page.

> If there was a way to bottle up the joy in puppy kisses, tail waggles and snuggles, that’s how I would show my appreciation to all those involved in my getting Karbon.
> — Laura Zumbro

> My guide dog Da Vinci has made my life of independence a reality again. Only by the help of all those involved with GDA could this have happened and, for that, I will be forever grateful.
> — Lecretia (Cricket) Patin

**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.
Thanks for your donations and sponsorships to help fund GDA’s operation. Thanks for taking on the responsibility and giving your time, homes and love to raise GDA’s pups. Thanks for spending tireless hours at GDA’s facility working to keep the organization’s entire “machine” running. You are all amazing and giving people who have provided a gift to help me keep safe, build confidence and continue my independence.

— Adam Lawrence

I don’t think many of us could afford the monetary value that this time is worth. I can only say, “Thank you from the bottom of my heart now and forever for giving me this gift of hope, independence and my bundle of love.” Othello is my sixth guide from GDA.

— Patty Sarchi

Thank you puppy raisers for socializing and doing the basic training with our puppies and incorporating our guides-to-be into YOUR families... only to give them back to GDA for placement. I am in awe of anyone who can do this on a regular basis.

— Karl Mundstock

Words cannot express how much appreciation I have for those who contribute to GDA. Without all of your support, I would not have my amazing partner Timber be where I am today.

— Melissa Barry

Getting my guide dog Cambria was absolutely life-changing for me. There are no words to properly thank all who have donated their time, monetary donations and payroll deduction contributions, as well as the great fundraising volunteers and puppy raisers...

— Teresa Blevins

I would like to say thank you to the donors, volunteers, sponsors and, of course, puppy raisers who made it possible for me to honestly have a normal and productive life. In a world that can be so dark at times, you made a light at the end of the path. Thank you.

— Mary Reifowitz

I would like to express my deepest and sincerest thank you to all of them for allowing me to have three wonderful furry partners in my life. No words can express how I feel for what each and every one of you have given me... the three greatest gifts I could ever have, Preston, Vista and Kendall the K dog.

— Lynn Coats

I would like to thank everyone who put their heart and dedication into helping us receive these wonderful puppies. My wonderful Obie has made me independent and full of joy.

— Debbie Shane

I am ever so thankful to all those who go the extra mile to contribute their money, time, skills, patience and love to provide marvelous guide dogs such as my Sadie. She allows me great mobility and a lot of laughs. Hats off to all of you!

— Donna Matthews

Without the four guide dogs I have received from GDA, I simply could not have the independent and active lifestyle that I enjoy... from traveling to and from work safely, to hiking mountain trails in Oregon! Thank you, one and all!

— Sharlene Wills

Thank you, puppy raisers, for giving love and raising them for us. You are amazing, self-sacrificing and a great blessing to our lives.

— Wanda Jolley

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— Mary Reifowitz

Ajax has given me the freedom I have not had for years. Thanks to the trainers, donors, sponsors, puppy raisers, volunteers and GDA for giving him to us. We love him, and he loves us.

— Ray Chisum
New Employees

We’d like to extend a warm welcome to three new employees who recently joined the GDA staff:

Lesa Miller, Office Clerical
Nataly Diaz, Part-time Kennel Tech
Kristine Wallace, Office Manager

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 in its endeavor 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, visit the “How to Help” section of the Guide Dogs of America website at www.guidedogsofamerica.org. You can also contact us by phone at (818) 362-5834 or via e-mail at mail@guidedogsofamerica.org.

2013 Raffles

2013 GDA Motorcycle Raffle
This year, the GDA motorcycle raffle is for a 2013 Harley-Davidson Road Glide. The winning ticket will be drawn on Nov. 23 at the Guide Dogs of America’s Annual Banquet in Las Vegas. (Winner need not be present to win.) Visit the GDA website (www.guidedogsofamerica.org) for additional details and photos.

2013 Quilt Raffle
“Love Comes in All Sizes” is the quilt that has been donated to GDA for this year’s quilt raffle. And we “love” the talented and creative women of the Santa Clarita Valley Quilt Guild who crafted and donated this beautiful piece. The quilt, which measures 100” x 108” (approx.), features a pooch in every panel. This size will work for a double or queen-size bed.

Purchase tickets using the order form on this page and mail it to GDA postmarked by Nov. 30, 2013. Tickets are $2 each or six for $10. The drawing will be held at the GDA December puppy raiser meeting on Dec. 14, 2013. Winner does not need to be present.

FALL 2013 Order Form

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

Mail this entire form with your payment.

2013 GDA Motorcycle Raffle — $5 per ticket or $20 for 5
☐ Motorcycle Raffle $__________

2013 Quilt Raffle — $2 per ticket or $10 for 6
☐ Quilt Raffle $__________

Holiday Cards — $18 per pack (15 cards)
☐ 2013 Holiday Cards $__________

TOTAL ENCLOSED $__________

Name ____________________________
Address __________________________
City _______ State ______ ZIP ______

Phone __________________________

Credit Card (check one) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX

Card Number: __________________________ Expiration Date: ___/___

Signature: __________________________ CVC: __________

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

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

In Memory

It is with deep regret that we inform you of the passing of beloved GDA Veterinarian Douglas Kramer. Dr. Kramer joined GDA in July 2012. He was a wonderful addition to the GDA veterinary department and will be greatly missed by all those who worked with him and benefitted from his wealth of knowledge and compassion.

With sadness, we note the passing of Graduate Chris Sirna, Class #378.

It is with great sadness, that we also note the passing of the following guide dogs and honor them for their dedication to ensuring the safety and independence of their partners:

Chanel – Class #352
Courage – Class #344
Livingston – Class #349
Mojo – Class #336
Tess – Class #327

If You Would Like to Lend a Paw...
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.

The Ackerman Family ................. Ranger
Sheila Treston-Albranian ............. Elliott
The Allenby Family ..................... Tango
Judi & Lauren Amendola ............. Hauna
Marielle Angers .......................... Romy
David Anthony .......................... Justice
Bill Atherton & Jacqueline Worbaum .. Harpo
Nancy Ayers .............................. Ben
Arthur Ball & Anita Briggs ............ Ragnar
Karen & Ronald Barber ................ Panzer
The Barger Family ....................... Corra
The Behringer Family ................... Maya
Angel Biezeman & Brian Bigley ..... Knight
The Binder Family ....................... Pavlov
Stephanie Blackman & Juliana Lamm .. Enzo
Karen Blackmore ....................... Ruby
Linda & John Bonin ..................... Navy
Suzanne & Jeff Breaw .................. Wilma
Denise Brown ............................ Pismo
Kelly Bryne & Georgann Gall ....... Velzy
Maribeth Butler ......................... Kyla
John Byars ............................... Doc
Sydney & Jerry Cain .................... PJ
The Cassidy Family ..................... Makai
Genelle & Tom Cherry .................. Cleo
Andy Chesis ............................. Storm
Carol Civita & Charlene Smith ...... Preston
Lisa & Ed Cook ........................... Sandy
Sally & Charlie Coons .................. Gabanna
Annina Cooper .......................... Klay
The Coyle Family ....................... Argo
Kim Cohagen & Stan Teliczan ....... Lutz
Terry & Ray Crawford .................. Nika
The Cuneo Family ....................... Denver
Timothy Dahl ............................ Odin
Mark Dark & Lisa Tomic ............... Jett
Bobbie Jo & Tiffany Dean ............ Treasure
Mary Deets ............................... Paiute
The Delvasto Family .................... Neah
Jenny Dennis ............................. Luna
Deanna Devescovi ....................... Garrison
Janie Doctor .............................. Hugo
Jill & John Donello ..................... Ember
The Dreyfus Family ..................... Chloe
The Durning Family ..................... Rocko
Debbie & Jason Erickson ............. Berky
Linda Fester ............................. Paisley
Tom Fisher & Pax Tisdale ............ Lido
The Foote Family ....................... Scout
Joan & Dick Freiheit ................... Taesha
The Fujishige Family ................. Holly
The Gaydos Family ...................... Fern
Lisa Gilford ............................. Poppy
Val & Stan Goldstein .................. Java
Judi Gomez & Miguel Ola ............ Elena
Tamura & Sean Goulden ............... Bronson
Faith & Ken Green ..................... Hawk
Kelley & Bill Greene .................... Milo
Jessilyn & Zachary Guajardo ....... Raja
Fiona & Greg Hahn ..................... Pharaoh
Dee & Steve Hamilton ................. Emma
Rayna Harris ............................ Pyxis
The Hart Family ......................... Kenai
Marianne & Kevin Hausner .......... Gem
The Hawes Family ...................... Archer
Nancy Hawthorne ...................... Bria
The Helgeson Family ................. Blu
Tammy & Katie Hines ................. Cayenne
The Hochman Family ................... Magic
Jeannie & Judd Honadel ............. Erebos
Meighan Howard ....................... Cabot
Kristen Hughes ......................... Kaiden
Crystal & Jesslyn Hutchison ....... Marquee
The Janke Family ....................... Rue
Cindy & Steve Jaquay .................. Cricket
Kim & Montana Jelden ............... Hays
Suzanne & Mauricio Jimenez ....... Mecca
The Johnson Family ................... Vanko
Glyn Judson ............................. Dave
Barbara & Elgin Keller ............... Flash
Jill & Emily Kennaman ............... Paige
Rebecca & Peter Khalil .............. Lorelai
Emily Knott ............................ Jaylee
Carol & Steve Kopman ............... Maggie
Melinda & Scott Kough ............... Viva
The Kristis Family ..................... Savvy
Mary & Samantha Labnow .......... Genna
Jacque Laffoon ........................ Kali
Cheri & Bob LaGrotta ............... Dulce
Cheri & Bob Lauterbach ............. Gali
Ann Le ........................................ Friday
Gail Leonard ............................. Thompson
Lisa & Rylee Lewis ..................... Nile
Michelle Lillie .......................... Nadya
Hannah Lipow .......................... Anabelle
Tina & Brian Lockwood .............. Otto
Susan Maddox .......................... Jeager
Cathy & Morris Makshanoff ......... Titan
Alejandra & Elvira Maldonado ...... Ray
Martty Martin & Michelle Sievers ... Ryder
Monrene Malmstrom ................. Vindi
Sheree & Tom May ..................... Nakita
Pam & Dave McKenzie ............... Augie
Rachel & Jason McMurray ........... Rogue
Francine Metcalf ...................... Gidget
Sylvia & Mike Michalski ............. Latigo
Lori Montigel ......................... Gerri
Rebecca & David Nelson ............. Doc
Dawn & Jill Nelson ..................... Jason
Rebecca Nelson ......................... Nick
Monique & Gene Newman .......... Ivory
Katie & Phil Norling .................. Hutch
Terry & Dave Norton ................. Willoughby
Denise & Ken Nowack ............... Indy
Staci O’Connell ......................... Hachee
Jonathan Ogle & Lonnie Raimond .. Nixon
The O’Gorman Family ............... Teyo
The Ophempen Family .... Winston, Wilbur
Melissa & Jeff Orenstein .......... Riptide
The Ortega Family ..................... Argo
Nancy & Keith Pacheco ............. Dino
The Paxson Family ..................... Alfie, Nelix
Stephanie Pena ......................... Presley
The Pennala Family .................. Sam
The Peterson Family .................. Heath
Katy Pinto ............................... Teyo
Debbie & Al Price ..................... Nolan
Liisa & Andy Primack ............... Stanley
The Prince Family ..................... Zoe
Deborah & David Prough ....... Eastwood
The Quinton Family ................. Ibby
Lorry & Randy Rawding ......... Bodie
Karen & Butch Reyburn .......... Trader
Breeding Dog Families

GDA’s breeding dogs contribute directly 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.

Kandi Brennan ....................... Swagger
Gino & Maggie Domico ............. Lulu
Sheila & Shelly Harvey ............. Echo
Ernie & Kate Hernandez ............ Rio
Phil & Jeri Kennedy ................. Palme
Josh & Amy Latzer ................... Liberty
Craig & Donna Leidersdorf ......... Sampson
Brian & Tina Lockwood .......... Stryker
Allen & Weta Mathies .......... Solo
Mark & Tammy New ................. Sable
Felica Perez .......................... Pheebe
Jessica Prisk ......................... Flynn
Nancy Robb ......................... Nessa
Bruce & Linda Tarpey ............. Mocha
Cherry Teter ......................... Nikki
Tony & Jill Werner ................. Fayme
Brian & Tina White ................. Pixie

For additional information about how you can leave a future gift to GDA, go to www.guidedogsofamerica.org, click on “Gift Planning.” Or for more 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 the home during this past GDA fiscal year (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013).

Partners in Trust

By thoughtfully naming GDA in their wills, trusts and life insurance policies, the members of the Partners in Trust Society ensure that their support of GDA will continue for years to come. We are forever grateful to them for remembering GDA in their estate plans — in any amount — and we are honored to be a part of their legacy.

Anonymous (4)
Bruce R. LaPlante
Jeffry Pracht
Pat Siehr

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:

Richard & Daisy Carmen
James E. & Betty Lou Cogswell
Conrad Dratwa
Roy E. Frazier
Steve & Jackie Gettleman
Allan Langdon
Mary Ellen Likins
Ralph Morsillo
Mary Muth
Martha Jane Pennington
Margaret Siegel
Shasta Smith
Bernard Subkoski
George & Helen Watkins
Robert Weller
William James Whitebread

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, 2012 – June 30, 2013).
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 Sponsor ($42,000) — Covers all expenses associated with successfully matching a student with a guide dog companion.

Student Sponsor ($21,000) — Covers all expenses of a student during their 28-day program, as well as their transportation to and from the school.

Guide Dog Training Sponsor ($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 Sponsor ($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 Sponsor ($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 Sponsor ($2,500) — Covers the cost of breeding, delivery and additional expenses for one litter up to seven weeks of age.

Newborn Puppy Sponsor ($1,000) — Funds the cost of the breeding and delivery of one puppy.

Guide Dog Team Sponsors — $42,000
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District 26 along with Local Lodge 743
J.S. Seckel Foundation
The Sharon D. Lund Foundation
United Technologies Corporation

Student Sponsor — $21,000
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tennenbaum, Tennenbaum Capital Partners, LLC

Training Sponsor — $10,000
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Employees’ Reaching Out (LM AERO) Club, Palmdale, California

Puppy Sponsors — $5,000
Harold Atwater.................................................................WFP*
Cathy Bartley .................................................................Guinness
Sandy Bennett.................................................................Otto
Stephanie Colman and Friends......................................WFP*
The Courage Foundation..................................................Frisco
Bernadine Daskoff .......................................................Holly, Paiute, Ralphee, Titus
Fred and Linda DiBenedetto .........................................Ticklish
The Friends Foundation..................................................Kipling
Alice Ghostley Foundation..............................................WFP*
Drew Herron and Ryan Rhodes.................................Dotty, Sam
IAMAW District Lodge 8 ................................................Princeton
Nate Israelson ...............................................................Archie, Gerri
Knisely Foundation .......................................................Cabot, Wilbur
Adam and Sheri Lawrence .................................................Pismo
Los Angeles Kiwi Chapter ..............................................Velo
Malibu Lions Club .........................................................Lido
Mountain Light.............................................................Caesar
New York Deli & Bagel..................................................Dave
Pennsylvania State Machinists Council .......................Sirus
Pleasant Valley Lions Club ............................................Spirit
Douglas M. Reid Foundation ............................................Indy
Carroll Roarty ................................................................Honon
Saddleback Delta Gamma.............................................Anchor
Sepulveda Building Materials .....................................Bodie, Duncan, Elena
Macki Singer ...............................................................Maggie, Wilma
Sudsy Dog .........................................................................Augie
John and Carolyne Tyre ..................................................Epic
Beau Ward ............................................................................Honon
Carl E. Wynn Foundation ................................................Gidget

Student Accommodation Sponsors — $3,000
The Sharon D. Lund Foundation
Valentine Foundation

Litter Sponsors — $2,500
Sharon Lee Buck
Delta Gamma Phi Chapter
Delta Gamma Eta Alpha Chapter
William Kinsey
LM AERO Club, Palmdale, California
Muskin Family Foundation
Ercole Rossili
Stephen S. Wise Elementary School

Newborn Puppy Sponsors — $1,000
Boston Carmen Union Local 589
Center Street Elementary
Mark Dickinson
Sheila Scott Kendall
Sharon Lund Foundation
Doris Luster
Dr. Laura Meyers
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Morris
Brian Morton
Sally Morton
Desiree Jean Paterson
Edward Piwowarski
Gayle Reizes
Carol George-Steward
Carl E. Wynn Foundation

All of our sponsors are presented with photos of their puppies. If you would like to become a GDA Sponsor, please call Lorri Bernson at (818) 833-6431 or email her at LMBernson@GuidesOfAmerica.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, 2012 – June 30, 2013).

*Waiting For Puppy.
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.

**Grocery Store Rewards Cards**

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, 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.

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.

**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 are 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.

**Online Shopping**

**GoodSearch**

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.

**CFC Pledge Card**

You know what your pet means to you; now imagine what this future guide dog will mean to a blind person. Please designate #11873 on your CFC pledge card.

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.

**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. Call (818) 833-6429 with questions or to participate.
4th Annual Holiday Card Contest
This Year’s Holiday Memories; Next Year’s GDA Holiday Card

It’s not too early to start thinking about staging a holiday-themed photo of your dog to submit for our fourth-annual Holiday Card Contest. Say, “Puppy treats!”

Submission Guidelines:
• All photos MUST BE TAKEN IN HIGH RESOLUTION (300+ dpi) and submitted via EMAIL as an attachment) by Feb. 28, 2014 to partners@guidedogsofamerica.org
• Winner will be notified on April 30, 2014 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

Congratulations Graduates
Class #379

Graduates (Puppy Raiser in parentheses): Students left to right: Mary Reifowitz & Treacle (Barbara Blake), Filder Auma & Leo (Karen & Lily Brodie), Darla Rogers & Huck (The Hollander Family), Erika Medina & Rosa (The Krisilas Family), Sadi Taylor & Tika (Mike & Linda Loper), Lamar Upshaw & Moxie (The Edwards Family), Shonna Hunter & Hunter (The Oppenheim Family), Karl Mundstock & Tucker (Mike & Meg Tennant)

Instructors: left to right: Bryan Young, Chris Medina, Linda Hawes, Dave Ponce

In-Home Graduates: Bill Harrison & Whitley (The Erickson Family), Shari Main & Legacy (The Hoekendorf Family)

Instructors: Steve Burkman, Linda Hawes

2013 Holiday Cards

The winning photo from the third annual Holiday Card Contest was taken by GDA puppy raiser Lynne Pennala of puppy-in-training Bentley.

Outside message: “Tis the Season.” Inside message: “Peace, Love and Joy to All.”

Holiday cards measure 5” x 7” and are bundled 15 cards (with envelopes) to a pack. Price: $18 per pack, INCLUDES SHIPPING AND HANDLING.

Please use the order form on page 3 to place your order. Questions? Call (818) 833-6429.