Our special thank you to some friends who help GDA carry out its mission.

This issue of Partners begins what we hope will be a tradition, a chance to thank all those who give of their time and resources to provide guide dogs for people who are blind or visually impaired.

“Every charitable organization says they love their volunteers and supporters,” GDA President Jay Bormann says. “But GDA is really different. Maybe it’s because we provide a service that costs over $38,000 per team, and we do it without any government support.

“Our mission wouldn’t be possible without these friends. It’s really that simple. Everyone says that, but for GDA, it’s really true.

“We want to make sure our supporters and volunteers know how much they mean to us and how much we appreciate them. That’s why we are starting this new tradition of dedicating an issue of Partners to saying ‘THANKS!’”

On the following pages, you’ll see lists of many names. But these are not just any names. To us, they are a Parade of Partners — generous friends who are making life better for people who live without sight.

The people who are honored here are just as much a part of the GDA family as our staff and our dogs. Together, we bring safety, independence, mobility and companionship to people who are blind or visually impaired.

Thank You!!

PUPPY CORNER

We’re proud to announce that this summer brought 32 new puppies to the GDA family who will soon be going home with our loving puppy raisers. If you’d like to be a puppy raiser for a future guide dog and live on the west coast, please call Louise Henderson at (818) 362-5834, ext. 234.
If it were possible to take a vote of “favorite people” among our dogs, there’s no doubt that Florence Mast would be the candidate to beat. For 20 years, Florence has come to GDA every Saturday to give dogs staying at our kennel a little attention and care. Florence's unique ability to comfort and amuse our dogs is proven by the fact that years later, even older dogs turn into helplessly wagging puppies in her presence.

When Florence retired in 1985 at the age of 64, after being widowed twice, she was determined to start a new life, not simply sit around thinking about the past. “I moved to a senior center, but I just couldn’t see sitting around watching television and playing Bingo all day. I wanted to DO something. So when I saw an ad from what was then International Guiding Eyes, I thought it was just for me. I had always had dogs, but I couldn’t have one in my small apartment, so I would go to GDA once a week to get my fix of dogs.”

Florence has also been a steady and regular volunteer for the Burbank Retired Senior Volunteer Program, helping out in local hospitals, libraries and nursing homes.

Sadly for GDA, the need to care for her ailing 91 year old aunt and 73 year old cousin, coupled with the increasing strain of making the trip to and from GDA means that Florence has been forced to end her amazing stint of volunteering for GDA.

“I have always been active, but those dogs, they tired me out. It was good for me. Volunteering for GDA was very rewarding. I went to nearly every graduation for 20 years because I wanted to see the end result. It was wonderful.”

At a special party in her honor in August, everyone at GDA expressed their enormous gratitude to our most dedicated volunteer. We will miss her terribly. But it’s a safe bet that those who will miss her most are her four-legged friends who gained so much from her tender loving care over the years.
A very generous donation of $4,000 as a Puppy Sponsor Gift provides the funds for breeding and delivery, as well as GDA’s expenses of raising a puppy to the point at which it is ready for formal training. Puppy Sponsors receive regular updates on their sponsored dog’s progress.

GDA PUPPY SPONSORS

A PUPPY’S BENEFACTOR

The following lists include the puppy sponsors, puppy raisers, breeding dog families, and Partners in Trust Society members who have helped GDA carry out its mission during the last fiscal year, July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. If your name has been inadvertently left off one of these lists, please contact Lorri Bernson at 818-362-5834, ext. 251 or at partners@guidedogsofamerica.org.

GDA PUPPY RAISERS

The process of turning an eight week old puppy into a well-socialized and trainable young dog of 16-18 months is crucial to developing great guide dogs. Our Puppy Raisers share their homes, their lives, and enormous amounts of their time with our guide-dogs-to-be. And they accept the pain of giving up a dog they have grown to love. For all those reasons, our great thanks go to all our dedicated Puppy Raisers!
BREEDING DOG FAMILIES

Our breeding dogs are extraordinary and extremely valuable to the future of GDA. Our Breeding Dog Families keep them safe, happy, and in prime condition and we appreciate their commitment enormously.

SECURING GDA’S FUTURE

The following people have notified us that GDA is included in their estate plan:

- Mordechai Arlitt
- Helen Barnes
- Barbara Barry
- Lorraine Barth
- Sandra & Otto Bennett
- Bradley M. Bittan
- Donald Borwick
- Brooks Family Trust
- Delores Bruckmaier
- Helen Burwell
- Sally Cairns
- Michelle E. Chapman
- Doris & LeRoy Christensen
- Dorothy & Vincent Cipolla
- Carole Cream & Edward Shipuleski
- Samuel Curtis
- Donald Daley
- Susan DeAntonio
- Lorne DeLeau
- Cherie A. Degn
- Conrad Dratwa
- Ms. Marion Egly
- Kanya Faries & James Braun
- Janet Feiler
- Janice Fleep
- Betty Fontaine
- Lenore Clare Fusano
- Beverley Gale
- Lola Hagstrom
- Betty Hallatt
- Jack & Dee Higgins
- Freda Hoffmann
- Sylvia Hofmann
- Cheryl Hovanick
- Judge Charles M. Hughes
- Robert & Edith Hunio
- Ms. M. Johnson
- Mrs. Abe Lander
- Leslie Chauncey Latimer & Kenneth G. White
- Alice Leighby
- John & Marcia Lucas
- Connie & Mike Mancari
- Rita Marchi
- Carolyn Martin
- Ida A. Masters
- Richard M. McAllister
- Elizabeth Crawford McMurray
- Maxine & Stephen Mitchell
- Sonya Most
- Cristina & Darrin Nedrow
- Dorothy Owens
- Gene & Lucille Peters
- Rick Petersen
- Kathy A. Philips
- Sandy Podlaff
- Scott Polk
- Cathy Rake
- Nancy Sanderson
- Laura & Steve Shambek
- Jocelyn G. Shannon
- Sonia & Harold Shapiro
- Eleanor B. Smith
- Ms. Susan Stancoff
- Aiko Stillman
- Barry Stone
- Bob Stricklin
- Norma Strohmeyer
- Robert A. Supcheri
- Jean & Robert Swoboda
- Janet Swanson
- Mark & Diane Taylor
- Amy Thaler
- Dayna Thomas
- Ralph & Patricia Tindall
- Jeri Truesdell
- Margaret Van Ostrand
- Timothy Viet—In Memory of Maestro
- Jeanne Ward
- Shane Wetzel
- Bridget & Jim Winnett
- Ruth & Alex Zapassoff
- Anonymous—36

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

- Corinne E. Abel Estate
- Bolin Trust
- Lucille and George Churcher Estate
- Janice Dahlheimer Estate
- Lucille and George Churcher Estate
- Dayle Ann Fischer Trust
- Virginia Frinell Estate
- Henry and Carmen Gonzalez Estate
- Philip G. Gould Trust
- Esther H. Haebig Estate
- Mary Irene Hodges Estate
- Ruth C. Jaffke Trust
- Kennedy Family Trust
- Valerie C. Kristensen
- Henry Chaim Lerner Estate
- Helen D. Lucas Estate
- Richard L. Mapes Estate
- McKnight Family Trust
- Leland and Dorothy Muller Estate
- Alice Selme Munnings Estate
- Ila Mae Pfuer Trust
- Janet L. Phillips Estate
- Dorothy J. Phillips Estate

PARTNERS IN TRUST SOCIETY

By thoughtfully naming GDA in their wills, trusts, and life insurance policies, the members of the Partners in Trust Society ensure that their support for GDA will continue long into the future. We are eternally grateful to them and to those who remember us, in any amount, in their estate plans.

Margaret H. Powlers Estate
Diana Scara Estate
Luther E. Swink Estate
Charlotte M. Toole Estate
Marie L. Weichhold Estate
Dorothy M. West Estate
Leo J. Zaman Estate

Just as blind men and women partner with GDA’s remarkable dogs for more independence and mobility, generous friends and supporters partner with GDA to help us carry out our work. Become a member of the Partners In Trust Society by naming GDA in your will or trust and receive this beautiful, crystal biscuit jar. Call Rhonda Bissell at (818)362-5834, ext. 229 for more information.
A Day for Everyday Heroes

It is fitting that our first Parade of Partners issue follows close on the heels of our most successful Open House on June 11th. The theme of this year’s Open House was “GDA Honors Everyday Heroes.” And so many of the names listed in this issue of Partners truly fall into that special category.

The Open House was a great day for remembering all those who with courage and generosity live heroically every day. Almost 1,000 people joined us for a fun and inspiring family event that included our famous puppy trials, guide dog demonstrations, and a very successful silent auction.

Two raffle events proved to be the highlights of the day. First was a raffle of a Harley Davidson motorcycle donated by Chet and Merlene Diercks, owners of the Eagle Rider of Las Vegas. The thrilled winners were Eric and Martha Ayala of central coast, CA. Eric is a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

The other raffle that generated great excitement was our “A Day With a Trainer” prize. Kandace Delgado and Nancy Benson spent a full day working with our trainers and future guide dogs. Past winners have hailed this as a life-changing day and we hope Kandace and Nancy agree.

All in all, the Open House was a great day to celebrate some amazing guide dogs – who are themselves everyday heroes. And the food was fabulous!

Announcing NEWS

Two New Ways to Sponsor a Guide Dog Puppy

We are extremely grateful to those who become full Puppy Sponsors with a donation of $4,000 or more. But we recognize that many people cannot give that amount, but would still like to play a special role in a specific dog’s future. So we have created two new types of puppy sponsorship:

1. **Litter Sponsor**
   For a gift of $2,500 or more, you can sponsor one litter of future guide dogs (GDA’s choice). Your generous donation covers the breeding and delivery expenses of the litter. You’ll receive a special certificate and a photo of the mother and puppies.

2. **Newborn Sponsor**
   For a gift of $1,000 or more, you can sponsor an individual puppy (GDA’s choice). Your gift covers the cost of breeding and delivery of a guide dog puppy. You’ll receive a special certificate and a photo of the puppy you are helping.

Our hope is that when our next Parade of Partners issue is published, we’ll be able to list many new Litter Sponsors and Newborn Sponsors.
2005 HOLIDAY CARDS
“Our Shopping is Done”
inside message: “Happy Holidays”
15 cards and envelopes
$15 -- see chart below for shipping and handling

GDA’S OFFICIAL COOKBOOK
“K-9s in the Kitchen”
Rave reviews from savvy cooks!
300 tasty recipes!
$20 each or two for $35 -- shipping & handling included!

Pillows
Perfect decorative item
for the den, office or
family room
18” x 18”, $25 each (plus
$5 for shipping & handling)

Throws
Cozy way to
warm up on a
winter afternoon
52” x 69”
$50 each (plus $7.50
shipping & handling)

Totes
Carry the pup’s
leash and bowl in style (or stash
your own stuff)
[sorry, German Shepherd is not
available], 16” x 16” - fully lined, $25
each (plus $5 shipping & handling for
up to 2 totes)

GDA Holiday Shopping Form
Mail this entire form with your payment in the enclosed envelope.

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Orders MUST BE received by December 10
to ensure delivery by Christmas.

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Add $5 ea.

THROWS
Add $7.50 ea.

TOTES
Add $5 ea. for 1 to 2 totes

QUESTIONS? CALL AT (818) 362-5834, EXT. 321.
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now imagine what this future guide dog will mean to a blind person.

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 blind men and women as they strive to live their lives to the fullest.

Please designate #1807 on your CFC pledge card.

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Sylmar, CA 91342
Address Service Requested

IN MEMORY
Guide Dogs of America has recently lost some wonderful dogs. We know these fine animals will be missed.

Guide Dogs
- Cookie – Class #310
- Dottie – Class #308
- Erko – Class #291
- Kristen – Class #329

Breeding Dogs
- Litany – Class #315
- Nell – Class #313

Class #347
Seated from left to right: Sharlene Ornelas & Whisper, Amanda Weare & Wally, Karen McIntyre & Willow, Steve Flerman & Gipper, Christina Ringler & Vespa, Mario Mesa & Monty, Mary Novak & Voight, Deborah Paul & Fremont, Marguerite Paschall & Vita

Instructors: Steve Burkman, David Ponce, Robert Wendler, Wendy Roof

Puppy Raiser: Whisper - The Harris Family; Wally - The Dyer Family; Willow - Tina & Ron Thompson; Gipper - The Phillips

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