

WHO CAN RAISE A PUPPY?

Families
Teenagers
Retirees
College Students
Working Individuals

AND, YOU!



GET STARTED

1. Submit an application
2. Attend puppy orientation
3. Attend a puppy raiser meeting



*"With Opal, it's as if she's a person with you,
like having your friend with you, and it just
makes things a little more comfortable."*

-Eugene Kim & Guide Dog Opal

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RAISE A PUPPY. CHANGE A LIFE.

- ESTABLISHED 1948 -

WHAT IS PUPPY RAISING?

At 8 weeks old, future guide and service dog puppies join the homes of dedicated foster families and individuals like you.

During the puppy's first year, you will:

- Teach them proper house manners
- Teach them basic obedience
- Be the foundation for their future success



AN ABUNDANCE OF SUPPORT

We are with you every step of the way, ensuring that you have all the tools you need to be successful during your puppy raising journey including:

- Local area meetings with experienced Puppy Raisers that serve as a support network
- Consultations and training sessions with our Canine Development Team
- Puppy Kindergarten classes are provided locally
- Veterinary care provided at our facility in Sylmar, CA



"When I arrived, I was filled with stress and anxiety, due to my PTSD and military trauma. Today, with an open heart, my eyes are bright, and I have no anxiety. I'm shining!"

-William, retired Army First Sergeant

THE JOURNEY

1 BREEDING

Our goal is to breed dogs that are in excellent health and appropriate temperament

3 SUPPORT

You will have an abundance of support from our team and our vet department

5 FORMAL TRAINING

Our professional trainers will provide quality, formal instruction and advanced skill sets

7 GRADUATION

You're invited to celebrate your new Guide or Service Dog with a special ceremony!

**FROM 8 WEEKS TO
ADULTHOOD,
WE ARE WITH YOU EVERY
STEP OF THE WAY!**

2 PUPPY RAISING

Your puppy goes home with you at eight weeks old to start building the foundation of their training

4 IN FOR TRAINING

Attend Turn-In Luncheon to celebrate your puppy's initiation into formal training

6 TEAM MATCH

Once a puppy has completed formal training, they may be matched with their perfect partner

