# Guide Dogs Puppy Development – access for puppies

To whom it may concern

The first year of a guide dog puppy’s education is of paramount importance in its temperamental development and social behaviour. Puppy Raisers play a vital role in this development by taking the puppy into their homes and introducing the puppy to all kinds of environments, which encourages the young dog to be confident and sound in any situation.

Guide Dogs relies upon the good will of shop owners and the public at large to enable us to familiarise the puppy to accept all types of sights and sounds before its further training as a guide dog. The Puppy Raiser is educated to manage the puppy in different situations through specific training, guidance and ongoing support provided by Guide Dogs.

In order for you to identify a guide dog puppy, the lead will have a yellow lead flash on it bearing the words ‘Guide Dog Puppy in Training’ and the puppy may also be wearing a blue and yellow jacket. The Puppy Raiser should also be carrying an identity card stating their name and that of the puppy, which they should be happy to produce if you require.

On behalf of Guide Dogs, I hope you will support us in achieving our aims and allow our puppies access to your property.

If you need further information, please contact our **Guideline: 0800 781 1444.**

Thank you for your kind help and support.



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