

Pawsitism Inc.

Puppy Raising Volunteer Co-Raiser Agreement

Co-raising a guide dog puppy in training can be a very rewarding experience; it can also involve some challenges. Outlined below are things to consider when entering into a co-raising experience.

Schedule

- Who gets the pup and when (trade once a week, once every other week, etc.)? This is most important when the pup is very small when consistency is especially important.
- How does pup get transferred between homes?
- If one raiser is going on vacation or out of town for work, does the puppy go with them if it means the other raiser will miss their turn with the pup?
- Who will take the puppy trade pup?

Veterinary Care

- Shots and general care should be done by same veterinarian.
- Decide which raiser will take the pup for its regular vet appointments.
- Leave vet forms at vet to make it easier for all co-raisers.

Food, Toys, and Supplies

- Each home has its own food supply.
- Each home should have its own crate, toys, etc.

Other

- Who handles pup at training classes?
- Who will handle the puppy on outings?
- When the other handler has the puppy, it is theirs to manage. You must agree at the beginning not to interfere with the learning process of the other handler.
- If things do not work out for one raiser family, would the other co-raiser be willing to finish the pup themselves, find another co-raiser or would the puppy need to be transferred?
- When the puppy needs to be taken to RUFF Academy for training, who is responsible to get it there?
- Keep in mind the importance of open communication between parties. Leaders will assist with questions about the proper handling and development of the puppy.

- Who gets to keep the puppy tags? Other memorabilia items?

Career Change

This is probably the most important conversation between co-raisers and it should occur before a puppy is even placed in a co-raise situation. Things may change during the course of the puppy raising experience, but having an agreement up front should alleviate problems later.

- If the puppy is career changed, which raiser has the first right to adopt?

Discussion and agreement on the topics above will help avoid frustration or confusion and make co-raising a puppy enjoyable and satisfying. (Chances are the primary raiser will receive first opportunity.)

Co-Raiser Names

Name(s): _____ Phone # _____

Name(s): _____ Phone # _____

Name(s): _____ Phone # _____

Date of Agreement: _____

Things to Know

Each co-raiser will be responsible to complete a Monthly Puppy Progress Report every month. Open communication must be kept between co-raisers and leader. If issues occur, the leader must be consulted.

Schedule Agreement

First 3 weeks, where puppy spends the night (one family): _____

Second 3 weeks, start transitions to Lakeland on specific days: _____

Trade agreement after the first 6 weeks: schedule discussed with student:

How does the puppy get transferred between homes? _____

Veterinary Care Agreement

What current vet is being used For Pawsitism Inc? _____

Who is responsible to get the pup to the vet? _____

If the vet wants payment up front, who pays? They donate their services. If we have exceeded, we need to be notified to arrange payment. YOU MUST NEVER HAVE TO PAY.

Career Change Agreement

_____ will be given first opportunity to adopt as their own pet, then opportunity goes to other raiser.

_____ will be given first opportunity to place the dog with a close friend or relative, if neither can keep it as a pet, then opportunity goes to the other raiser.

Additional information for the career change agreement:

Lakeland University

Student Class Schedule: (Start class, end, breaks, social time, etc.)

Monday: _____

Tuesday: _____

Wednesday: _____

Thursday: _____

Friday: _____

Extra activities: (Jobs, internships, campus programs)

Sports Commitment:

Housing Information: (Roommate, individual, suite, etc.)

Other Comments/Agreements

Co-raiser's signature: _____

Co-raiser's signature: _____

Leader's signature: _____