

# SIDEKICKS FOR SIGHT

A Puppy Raising Club for Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc.

Douglas County, Colorado

Thank you for your interest in Sidekicks for Sight and Guide Dogs for the Blind. We hope this document will help answer any questions you have. Please feel free to contact our club leader if you have more questions.

## **About us:**

We are a group of volunteers, raising puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind. We receive our training in how to raise these puppies at puppy club meetings each month. We also participate in socialization outings to help our puppies become confident, well-adjusted dogs.

Club website: [www.sidekicksforsight.com](http://www.sidekicksforsight.com)

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Sidekicks-For-Sight-215030288529413/>

## **Club Meetings:**

We have regular puppy club meetings twice a month, and a socialization outing once a month. In addition, raisers with puppies under 5 months old attend weekly training meetings with their puppy.

Our regular puppy club meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at Highlands Ranch High School at 7 pm. We can be hard to find, so please let us know you're planning on coming so we can look for you!

An up-to-date Calendar of Club Activities can be found on our website.

If you are interested in becoming a puppy raiser, you can find more information on our website

(<http://www.sidekicksforsight.com/raising.html>) or at Guide Dogs for the Blind

([http://www.guidedogs.com/site/PageServer?pagename=programs\\_dog\\_puppy](http://www.guidedogs.com/site/PageServer?pagename=programs_dog_puppy)).

When a volunteer has attended a minimum of three consecutive meetings, they may request a volunteer application from their club leader. Once the completed application is received, the leader will schedule a home visit/fence check. The volunteer needs to demonstrate a minimum level of puppy handling skills, including appropriate use of cues, proper training techniques, appropriate use of headcollars, etc, and complete a minimum of five days of puppy sitting of program puppies. Then they may be approved to raise a puppy.

Puppy raisers are required to attend 80% of required meetings and outings during each six-month period of participation in the program.

## **Financial Responsibility:**

GDB provides puppy raisers with supplies such as leashes, puppy jackets, and collars, and approved veterinary care supplies and expenses. The raiser is responsible for any additional expenses such as dog food, toys, equipment, and travel.

## **Fundraising:**

Our club has one main fundraiser each year. Each puppy raiser and club member is expected to participate in this fundraiser. The fundraiser is running an aid station for the Elephant Rock bike race generally held on the first Sunday in June. Specific details are provided each year in the months leading up to the race.

**Leader:**

Our club leader is:

Darlene White

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**Guide Dogs for the Blind:**

You can find more information about Guide Dogs for the Blind on their website:

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