



Secondary Raiser Conditions

Guiding Eyes for the Blind is profoundly indebted to our puppy raisers and secondary raisers for without them, we would not have our wonderful guide dogs. To date, we have served more than 7,300 people from all parts of the world and from all walks of life. There are many times that one individual cannot accomplish all that is required of a puppy raiser. In some instances, two people want to share the journey of raising one of these dogs. And sometimes it could be that life is just too busy for one person to do it all. In all cases, these raising teams have something special in their life and/or environment that can tremendously benefit a dog on program and the primary raiser and secondary raiser figure out a way to creatively share this vital role. The primary raiser is defined as the person who works with the dog a majority of the time (even though the secondary raiser still contributes quite a bit).

The purpose of the Secondary Raiser Agreement is to create the possibility for people to accomplish these dreams of collaboratively raising a puppy. This gives Guiding Eyes a way to acknowledge secondary raisers for their contribution when the time comes that a dog graduates or becomes part of our elite breeding colony. It is important to define who has adoption privileges before raisers consider becoming a secondary raiser. As a non-profit, it is not feasible from either a financial perspective or from advancing the mission of Guiding Eyes to allow for adoption of the dog by the Secondary Raiser.

There are times a Secondary Raiser Agreement is necessitated. Your Regional Manager will help you determine when a Secondary Raiser Agreement is needed. Specific circumstances where a Secondary Raiser Agreement would be required are as follow:

- Two adults live in same household and are not related. An example is where two college students who are roommates are sharing the responsibility of raising a puppy. One student is the primary raiser and the other provides regular support to the primary raiser. In this case, we want to make sure the secondary raiser is recognized with a certificate and picture; secondary raiser does not have adoption rights.
- Two people from different households actually provide significant support and the puppy moves between the two households. In this instance, one person is established as the primary raiser and the other person must be defined as the secondary raiser. Again, both people receive a certificate and picture; the secondary raiser does not have adoption rights.