



BREED EVAL SITTER AGREEMENT

Dog's _____ **Dog's** _____ **Date of**
Name: | _____ **ID:** _____ **Birth:** _____

The sitter family of a Guiding Eyes for the Blind breed eval understands and agrees to the following conditions:

1. Guiding Eyes for the Blind is the sole owner of all breed evals in its Breeding Colony. The sitter must agree, to transport the dog to Guiding Eyes as needed, continue attendance at the Eye Clinic and other events, and comply with other Guiding Eyes requests relating to the dog.
2. The responsible member of the sitter family and the breed eval shall attend all Guiding Eyes scheduled meetings and appointments, including (but not limited to) vet appointments, quarterly assessments, handling classes, and any appointments associated with the breed eval.
3. The sitter family shall provide good quality food, shelter (in the house), and a healthy environment for the breed eval.
4. The sitter family of a female breed eval shall notify the Canine Development Center on the **first day** that she shows signs of a heat and shall be prepared to bring her to the Canine Development Center **by the second day of heat**, or as requested by Guiding Eyes.
5. When you must be away and cannot bring your breed eval with you, please use an approved sitter. If you are unable to find a sitter and need help, please contact the Breeding Kennel Manager (845-230-6431) for assistance, as far in advance as possible. If you do travel with your breed eval, please notify Clover Williams, Cryogenics Manager prior to your trip, to verify that the dog will not be needed during your absence. If your dog is needed during your absence, he/she must be placed with an approved sitter and transported to the Canine Development Center when needed. **The sitter family shall notify the Canine Development Center whenever a breed eval is going to be away from home overnight.**
6. A Breeding Colony breed eval shall not be boarded anywhere other than the following locations:
 - at the Canine Development Center.
 - with an authorized family on the Brood Stud Sitter Program.
 - with another family approved by Guiding Eyes.
7. The sitter family is responsible for transporting the breed eval to and from the Canine Development Center for boarding, breeding, or health care.
8. The breed eval shall be on-lead or in a fenced area and always supervised when outdoors.
9. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall provide all veterinary care for the breed eval.
10. The breed eval shall be kept in excellent physical condition, within an assigned weight range, and will be exercised daily on a leash or long line. The amount of exercise provided will be a minimum of 21 miles per week of walking or running. Obesity is a major cause of dystocia (difficulty in whelping) for the female and difficulty in copulation for the male. **If the breed eval becomes more than five pounds overweight (except when pregnant), the sitter agrees to return the dog to Guiding Eyes for possible placement with another sitter. Permanent re-homing may occur if the weight is not properly managed.**

11. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall provide each breed eval with a buckle collar carrying a current rabies tag and an ID tag showing the Canine Development Center phone number and/or address. In addition, the sitter must obtain family ID tag. The dog must always wear its buckle collar with all ID tags, whether in or out of the house. ID tags must be attached to the collar's buckle, not to the D-Ring.
12. The breed eval shall be kept well-groomed and free from external parasites. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall provide monthly heartworm and flea/tick preventive medications.
13. All sitters shall procure dog crates prior to receiving their dogs.
14. Sitters shall communicate with the dog's puppy raiser on a regular basis, consistent with maintaining a relationship and providing updates on the dog's health and well-being. In general, sitters shall contact the puppy raiser every other month for the first year, and quarterly thereafter.
15. The sitter family will not be held liable for the loss of the dog.
16. Guiding Eyes for the Blind will not be held liable for damages or injury that may be caused by the breed eval.
17. Guiding Eyes for the Blind owns the dog and shall maintain the sole authority regarding all health and placement decisions concerning the dog.
18. If the sitter family moves to a new home beyond the approved distance from the Canine Development Center (more than 1 ½ hours away for females or more than 1 hour away for males), the dog will be returned to Guiding Eyes for the Blind and will be placed in a new sitter home.
19. Guiding Eyes for the Blind, as the sole owner of the breed eval, has the right to remove any dog from the sitter family at any time due to violation of any of the previous stipulations in this document, or for any unlisted reasons that endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the dog, or for lack of cooperation from the sitter family. The sitter family will be required to return the dog to our facility within 24 hours.
20. The sitter will treat all Guiding Eyes volunteers, staff, donors, clients, and animals with respect and kindness. Likewise, Guiding Eyes staff is committed to treating each sitter with mutual respect and kindness.
21. I understand that use of social media that is not in line with Guiding Eyes for the Blind's mission and values will not be tolerated and may result in termination of volunteer assignment. Guiding Eyes values being honest and ethical, team-oriented, good communicators, and contributors to a positive community. Posts or comments that are perceived to be disparaging to Guiding Eyes students, graduates, volunteers, donors, staff, or dogs are not consistent with these values and will be handled accordingly.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AGREEMENT COMPLETELY
AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

Sitter Family Signature _____

Print Name _____ **Date** _____

Address _____

Home Telephone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Approved by _____ **Date** _____