SAMPLE PUPPY SITTER AGREEMENT

Sitter's Name
Region

Thank you for making the commitment to be a regional sitter for Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB). Behind every guide dog is a caring puppy raiser like you who gives their love, time, and resources so that a blind person can know the freedom of independence. Ensuring the pup's safety, continuing the pup's training, and giving the pup a chance to gain confidence in a new home while a raiser is away is an integral part of our program and the success of our puppies.

Preparing a valuable pup to become a potential guide dog is an important responsibility-one that we know you have given serious consideration. The GEB staff and Region Team stand ready to assist you every step of the way. The Puppy Sitter(s) of a Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppy understands and agrees to the following conditions:

1. Guiding Eyes for the Blind is the sole owner of the dog and therefore maintains sole authority regarding all aspects of the dog's well-being including (but not limited to) its health, safety, socialization, temperament, training, and placement.

2. Guiding Eyes for the Blind will not be held liable for damages or injury that may be caused by the dog.

3. Guiding Eyes for the Blind will pay only **pre-approved** and **authorized veterinary expenses** of the dog except in an emergency. In the event of an emergency, the Raiser is expected to communicate with Guiding Eyes' vets when enroute to Emergency vets so expenses will be covered and Guiding Eyes knows the situation.

4. The Sitter will attend all required meetings and appointments including (but not limited to) veterinary appointments, scheduled Walk & Talk assessments, training classes, and any appointments associated with the health, safety, or behavior of the dog that they have in their care and agrees to access webbased training materials. If any of the above pose a challenge, the Sitter, the Raiser, Region Manager, and Region Coordinator will need to work together to find a suitable arrangement.

5. 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 Raiser with mutual respect and kindness.

6. The Sitter will ensure that the dog wears its buckle collar with all ID tags including license, Raiser ID tag, Guiding Eyes ID tag, microchip tag, and current rabies tag at all times, whether dog is in or out of the house. ID tags must be attached to the collar's buckle, not to the D-Ring.

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7. The Sitter will use the crate according to Guiding Eyes policy. See "Crating Policy" at www.guidingeyes.org. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall provide a crate for the dog. This crate remains the property of Guiding Eyes and shall be returned when requested in similar condition as when received.

8. The Sitter will follow all feeding instructions, as instructed by the Raiser or Region Team. The Raiser will be responsible for providing enough food for the duration of the sit.

9. The Sitter shall keep the dog at a healthy weight, well-groomed, and free from external parasites.

10. Guiding Eyes for the Blind shall provide monthly heartworm preventative and monthly flea and tick preventative. If the Sitter has the dog on the first of the month, the Sitter is responsible for ensuring that pup receives above referenced medications on the first day of the month. The Raiser is responsible for ensuring that the Sitter has these medications to dispense.

11. The Sitter will not be held liable for the loss of the dog.

12. The Sitter will keep the dog on leash or in a secure fenced area and supervised at all times when outdoors.

13. The Raiser shall be responsible for providing the Sitter with a completed 'Puppy Sitter Form'. The Sitter will be responsible for providing the same form (either a new one filled out or comments added to the pre-existing one) to the Raiser and Region Manager when the dog is returned.

14. The Sitter understands that she has no adoptions rights to the dog under any circumstances.

15. The Sitter agrees to comply with all Guiding Eyes policies outlined in the Puppy Raising section of the Guiding Eyes website. Guiding Eyes for the Blind reserves the right to modify its policies at any time. Current policies are posted on the website under "Policies for Pup Program". Guiding Eyes reserves the right to re-home the dog and/or dismiss the Sitter from the Puppy Raising Program if s/he is not in full compliance with above referenced policies. Upon notification by Guiding Eyes of its intent to re-home the dog and/or dismiss the puppy raiser, the raiser agrees to promptly return the dog to Guiding Eyes.

☐ **I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AGREEMENT COMPLETELY AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**
[can we make this something they initial via DocuSign or do we even need it if they are signing?]

Photo, Video & Media Release

In consideration of my engagement as a volunteer, upon the terms herewith stated, I hereby give to Guiding Eyes for the Blind:

a) the unrestricted right and permission to copyright and use, re-use, publish, and republish photos or videos of me or in which I may be included intact or in part, composite or distorted in character or form, without restriction as to changes or transformations in conjunction with my own or a fictitious name, made through any and all media now or hereafter known for illustration, art, promotion, advertising, trade, or any other purpose whatsoever.

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b) I also permit the use of any material in connection therewith.

c) I hereby relinquish any right that I may have to examine or approve the completed product or products that may be used in conjunction therewith or the use to which it may be applied.

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX:

I hereby affirm that I am over the age of majority and have the right to contract in my own name. I have read the above authorization, release and agreement, prior to its execution; I fully understand the contents thereof.

I hereby certify that I am the ***Parent or Guardian*** of _____, a minor under the age of eighteen years, and hereby consent on behalf of said minor to the use of any of the photographs taken of said minor pursuant to the terms set forth in this photo release, including, without limitation, the release, discharge and hold harmless provisions thereof.

Signature:_____

Date_____

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