Volunteer Application

GuideDogs
OF THE **Desert**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address, City, State, Zip:_____

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Phone #'s: Home   (_____) _____   Work (_____) _____

              Cell   (_____)_____   Fax   (_____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact

Name, Address, City, State, Zip: _____

_____Phone:_____Relationship:_____

Availability - During which hours are you available for volunteer assignments? (Please check)

Weekdays   _____Mornings   _____Afternoons   _____Evenings

Weekends   _____Mornings   _____Afternoons   _____Evenings

Interests - Tell us what areas you are interested in volunteering for (Please circle)

Tour Guide	Student Interaction	Clerical/Office	Public Speaker	Photographer
Fundraising	Foster Home	Volunteer Coordinator	Special Events	Puppy Hugger

Special Skills or Qualifications
Summarize special skills such as computers, data entry, Braille reading, sign language, photography, etc. Please also list any previous experience that we may utilize such as public relations, media contacts, public speaking, fundraising, animal training, etc.

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By signing this application, I understand and agree to the following:

I authorize Guide Dogs of the Desert (GDD) to seek medical treatment for me in the case of accident, injury or illness that I might sustain while participating in any activity of GDD, while in, or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted.

I release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue GDD, their directors, officers, servants, agents or employees from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of, or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, whether caused by the negligence of the releaser or otherwise, while participating in any such activity.

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Volunteer Signature   Date
A one page Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement must also be on file for each volunteer.
   If you'd like to be a puppy raiser, there is different application that should be filled out.   *May 2007*

Description of Volunteer Opportunities with Guide Dogs of the Desert

- **Tour Guides**: Welcome visitors and conduct tours of the Training Center. Provide an overview of our mission and how we achieve it, and also discuss how others can become involved in our activities.

- **Ambassasdor Program**: Our graduates, area coordinators, puppy raisers and other volunteers assist us in giving presentations to schools and community groups to make the public more aware of the capabilities of the visually impaired and the mission of Guide Dogs of the Desert.

- **Student Interaction**: During classes, volunteers may be needed to drive students to religious services, medical appointments, shopping, or community events. Volunteers may be called to read to students, write letters for students and participate in recreation activities. (ex. play board games with students)

- **Clerical/Office**: Perform various clerical duties, including answering phones, data entry, bulk mailings, photocopying and filing.

- **Foster Families**: These volunteers serve as foster families for dogs active in the breeding program and for dogs that might need to have a break from the kennel. Fosters are responsible for keeping the dog in excellent physical condition and providing a safe, loving environment for our dogs.

- **Assist in Special Events**: Work at various events that support our organizations such as Graduations, puppy raiser meetings, booth volunteers and animal events, fundraising events such as walkathons, golf tournaments, galas, etc.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us!