

## VIDEO INTERVIEW

A video helps us determine your eligibility for our program and to determine the right dog to match you with. The video should consist of:

- A demonstration of your orientation and mobility skills, traveling independently. Be sure to include crossing the different kinds of intersections that you encounter. Show your ability to cross streets independently.
- A brief introduction of your home area and any areas that you frequently travel.
- Please show what conditions a dog would have to work under. For example, are there sidewalks; what type of traffic signal controls will you work; are there many loose or stray dogs and cats in your neighborhood; how busy are the streets; etc.

*We will also be looking at your gait and what speed you travel. Please note any balance problems or neuropathy. If you still have a guide dog that you are planning to retire, you may include some work with your present guide.*

• **After your walking demo, please include a video of you answering the following questions:**

1. What is your cause of blindness and what can you tell me about your vision. Please describe any residual vision.
2. Have you had mobility training? If so, when and for how long. Did you receive instruction in street crossings?
3. Guide Dogs of the Desert has modified training for clients with a variety of health conditions. Is there any health information that you think we should know about?
4. We do not have a nurse on staff. Are you able to administer your own medications/insulin?
5. Please describe your home conditions. (i.e. house, mobile home, apartment)
6. Who else lives in your home? What are their feelings about you having a guide dog?
7. Are there any other pets in the home? (Please note; the presence of other animals will not exclude you from receiving a guide dog.)

8. Where do you intend to relieve your dog?
9. Describe the types of areas where your dog will be working. Please list several routes or destinations.
10. Prior to your training, Guide Dogs of the Desert works to expose the dog to the various environments it may encounter in the new home. Please describe any unusual areas that you frequent.
11. Do you volunteer or work at a location outside of the home? If so, what is their attitude toward your having a guide dog? What is your plan for accommodating the needs of your dog (a place to stay, relieving area, etc)?
12. What prompted you to apply for a guide dog now?
13. Have you ever had a guide dog or attended a guide dog school? If so what school(s)?
14. What is your reason for choosing Guide Dogs of the Desert?
15. Guide Dogs of the Desert primarily use Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, and Standard Poodles.
  - Do you have a breed preference? If so, why?
  - Are you open to the other breeds?
16. Both the males and females are neutered and make equally good guides.
  - Do you have a gender preference or are you open to either gender?
  - Please explain your reasons if you have a gender preference.
17. Describe your idea of the perfect guide dog for you.
18. What personality do you think will fit you best? Why?
19. Are you willing to allow the trainers at Guide Dogs of the Desert to ultimately pick the right dog for you?

- **Please provide a video that can be viewed on a computer or DVD player.**
- **Please limit your video to twenty minutes.**

Should you require assistance with your video, please contact us. Often your local high school, college or Lions Club organization can offer assistance as well.

**If you have any questions regarding the video requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us at (760) 329-6257. Thank you for your interest in Guide Dogs of the Desert.**