# **Puppy Raising Self-Screening Form**

Raising a puppy for Guide Dogs is an incredibly rewarding experience, and a big commitment. Please complete this quiz to help assess if it is right for you.

1. I am willing to have a Guide Dog puppy living & sleeping inside my home

Yes No

1. I am physically able to manage a young and energetic dog

Yes No

1. I have the time to provide daily walks, socialisation opportunities and exercise for a young puppy

Yes No

1. I have the flexibility to attend training sessions during weekday business hours (weekly session for 8 weeks, then fortnightly)

Yes No

1. I have a licence, or access to a car that I am willing to use to transport the pup, and I am able to travel to training sessions in a range of locations in my local community

Yes No

1. I am able to ensure that the young pup is not left alone for more than 4 hours at a time during the day

Yes No

1. I have a secure yard, or access to an area where I can safely toilet and exercise the puppy

Yes No

1. I love dogs, and am able to provide a safe, loving and secure home environment for the puppy

Yes No

1. If there are other pets in the home, they are happy, relaxed and friendly towards people and other animals

Yes No N/A

1. Everybody in the household is informed and enthusiastic about raising a puppy for Guide Dogs

Yes No

1. I/we are prepared to cope with normal puppy development behaviours such as barking, chewing, digging, pulling on the lead, toileting accidents (A Puppy Development Advisor will help guide you through these behaviours)

Yes No

1. I am willing to follow the direction of a Puppy Development Advisor, and to adhere to Guide Dogs training and care methods (i.e. a strong focus on training using positive reinforcement methods and developing confident, happy and healthy puppies)

Yes No

If you have answered YES to most of the above questions, please continue and apply by completing the online application form.

If you have answered NO to two or more questions, or feel that this may not be the right thing for you, please check out these other opportunities for volunteering with or supporting Guide Dogs <https://nsw.guidedogs.com.au/get-involved/>

If you are unsure, and would like to discuss your application with a member of staff, please email [puppyraising@guidedogs.com.au](mailto:puppyraising@guidedogs.com.au) or contact Guide Dogs on 1800 436 364 (press 3 for the training centre)