

Beavers Disability Awareness Badge

Talk About What Guide Dogs For Blind People Do

Take Me To The Café®

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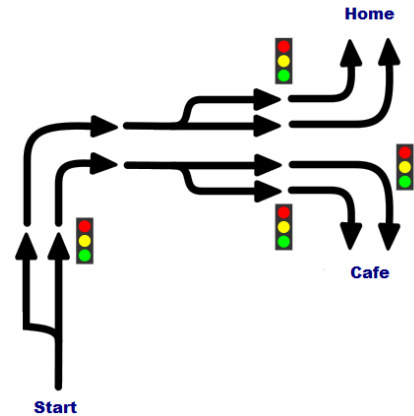
Overview

For this task the children will play a fun game called 'Take Me To The Café'.

Preparation Before The Meeting

All handouts can be found in this document

1. Print out copies of the 'Guide Dog Cards' - you need one copy
2. In your room you need to layout a path with left and right turns leading in **two** different directions. Use the picture to help you (this is just an example). You can mark this out using chalk, newspaper pieces, rope or any other material that allow you to set a trail for the dog to follow. You also need to put some objects down to act as traffic lights



Materials Needed

1. You need a pretend harness for half your group. You can use a piece of rope, skipping rope, a dog lead that the kids may have at home or a long piece of material it needs to just go under their arms with spare length enough to hold like a lead. They will be on all fours. Looking at this picture you will not need the yellow bit
2. Necker as a blind fold



Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Speak** – The last task we need to complete for our 'Disability Awareness' badge is to Talk About What Guide Dogs For Blind People Do. You are going to learn this information by playing a fun game
2. **Direction** – Get the children to huddle around you and sit comfortably while you read this to them before they play the game. Tell them that some of the information will be in the game so listen carefully...

"During the First World War, a doctor looking after the war wounded in Germany was called away from a blind man he was walking with, and left the patient alone with his German shepherd dog. Impressed by the animal's behaviour around the patient, he was inspired to set up a centre experimenting with training dogs to help those who had lost their sight in the war.

A wealthy American, Mrs Dorothy Harrison Eustis, heard of his work and wrote about it in a US newspaper. When a blind reader contacted her asking how he could get a dog for himself, she began to dedicate her life to training dogs for the blind.

Word spread and in 1930, two British German shepherd breeders, Muriel Crooke and Rosamund Bond, met with Eustis to discuss setting up a centre in Britain. She agreed to lend one of her trainers and so, in 1931, the first **four** guide dogs – **Judy, Flash, Folly and Meta** – were trained at Muriel's home in Cheshire.

The reaction from the public wasn't a good one to start with. But over time people could see the unique bond which developed between a guide dog and its owner.

Allen Caldwell, one of the first to have a guide dog, wrote of his dog Flash: "Not only has my dog given me glorious freedom and independence, never known since pre-war days, but delightful companionship."

Musgrave Frankland, owner of one of those first four dogs, Judy, said: "A guide dog is almost equal in many ways to giving a blind person sight itself." Jenny, a current guide dog owner said: "I never thought I'd be able to do what I'm doing now. Everything's completely changed for me."

Following its success more dogs were trained and in October 1934, The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association was formally founded."

Well that was a fascinating story wasn't it? Let's play a game now.

3. **Speak** - Get into teams of two one of you will be the 'Guide Dog' and the other will be the 'Blind Person'. The blind person puts this piece of rope/material under the arms of the guide dog. Then the blind person has to put on their necker as a blind fold (or it may be best that a leader does this)
4. **Direction** – Make sure everyone is standing near the start and the two end targets are clearly signed posted
5. **Speak** – There are two routes you can follow one is going to your house and the other one is going to your favourite café you can choose
6. **Speak** - I will ask a question about guide dogs and if you think you know the answer the blind person can put up their hand. The dog in that team is allowed to **bark** at the correct multiple choice being read out if they think they know the answer but is not allowed to speak
7. **Speak** - If you get it correct you can go on your way to your house or café. Your guide dog will guide the way but here's the detail of what you can and can't do...
 - a. The guide dog must stop at every traffic light and will only move on your command of "**Forward**"
 - b. If there is a left or right turn the guide dog has to stop and can only move if their partner again says the command "**Forward**"
 - c. Once the person arrives home or at the café they swap over as blind person and dog and come back to the start of a chance to answer a question
8. **Direction** – Don't wait for the first pair to get home, just ask the next question so the next pair can get going
9. **Direction** – Play until your questions run out or until everyone has had a go. You may need to give lots of clues for the answers so that everyone gets to go!

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Guide Dogs In The UK Were Started By Two British Women. What Were Their Names? © easierscouting.com a) Muriel & Rosamund b) Rita & Rosemary Ans: a 	Where In The World Were The First Guide Dogs Bred? © easierscouting.com a) UK b) Germany c) Italy Ans: b Germany 	Two Dog Breeders In the UK Trained The First Guide Dogs. Where In The UK Was This? © easierscouting.com a) Cheshire b) London c) Scotland Ans: a Cheshire 
Who Gave Muriel & Rosamund The Help Of A Trainer To Train The First Guide Dogs In The UK? © easierscouting.com a) Esther from Spain b) A wealthy American, Dorothy Eustis Ans: b 	What Year Were The First Guide Dogs Trained In The UK? © easierscouting.com a) 1930 b) 1920 c) 1931 Ans: c 1931 	What Were The Names Of The First Guide Dogs Trained In The UK? © easierscouting.com a) Judy, Flash, Folly & Meta b) Molly, Sacha, Chrispian & Georgie c) Billy, Susan, Sarah & Nancy Ans: a 
Who Was The First Man In The UK To Have A Guide Dog? © easierscouting.com a) David Partridge b) Allen Caldwell c) Peter Perkin Ans: b Allen Caldwell 	Which Breeds Of Dog Make The Best Guide Dogs? © easierscouting.com a) Golden Retriever Crosses (with labradors or german shepherds) b) Labradors c) Golden Retriever Ans: a 	At What Age Do Guide Dogs Start Their Training? © easierscouting.com a) 3-6 Months b) 1-2 Weeks c) 6-8 Weeks Ans: c 
Name Two Commands You Think A Guide Dog Has To Learn When It's A Puppy? © easierscouting.com Ans: Sit, Down, Stay, Come 	What Part Of The Pavement Do You Think A Guide Is Taught To Walk On? © easierscouting.com a) Right Side b) Centre c) Left Side Ans: b Centre 	When Out Walking Are Guide Dogs Taught To Automatically Turn Corners? © easierscouting.com a) No only when they are told to do so b) Yes they do it automatically Ans: a 

Are Guide Dogs Taught To Stop At The Kerb And Wait For A Command? © easierscouting.com a) Yes b) No Ans: a Yes 	How Does A Guide Know How Low A Doorway Is? © easierscouting.com a) It's just one of the things that's not possible to teach b) He is taught to judge height Ans: b 	What Colour Is A Guide Dogs Harness When They Are In Training? © easierscouting.com a) Brown b) Blue c) White Ans: a Brown 
Once A Guide Dog Finishes Their Training What Colour Harness Do They Wear? © easierscouting.com a) Brown b) Blue c) White Ans: c White 	When An Owner Is Handed His Dog For The First Time What Does He Hand Over? © easierscouting.com a) A present for the company b) A 50p piece c) A bunch of flowers Ans: b 50p 	When A Blind Person Is Given Their Dog How Long Do They Train Together For? © easierscouting.com a) 4 Weeks b) 1 Week c) 6 Weeks Ans: a 4 Weeks 
Is It True Or False That A Guide Dog Knows How To Tell A Traffic Light Is Red? © easierscouting.com a) True b) False Ans: b False 	Is It True Or False That A Guide Dog Is Also Trained As A Guard Dog? © easierscouting.com a) True b) False Ans: b False 	© easierscouting.com Spell 'Golden Retriever' 
Someone Who Socialises A Puppy To Become A Guide Dog Is A? © easierscouting.com a) Puppy Raiser b) Guide Dog Raiser c) Trainer Ans: a 	What Does A Guide Dog Puppy In Training Wear? © easierscouting.com a) A special Hat b) A Special Scarf c) A Special Coat Ans: c 	A Blind Person Being Able To Get From Place To Place Is Called? © easierscouting.com a) Movement b) Travelling c) Mobility Ans: c 
Guide Dogs Are Taught To Walk In Straight Lines & To Stop At Kerbs To Wait For A Command. When Do You Think The Dog disobeys this command? © easierscouting.com a) When they think their owner is in danger b) When they get tired c) When they get hungry Ans: a 	Guide Dogs Stop for What In Training? © easierscouting.com a) Kerbs b) Stairs c) Lunch Ans: a and b 	An Alphabet Made Up Of A Series Of Raised Dots Is Called What? © easierscouting.com a) Morse Code b) Ciphers c) Braille Ans: c 

What Do You Do When You See A Person Working A Guide Dog? © easierscouting.com a) Stop and say hello b) Ignore the dog and handler c) Offer the dog some crisps Ans: b 	A Guide Dog Is Trained To Avoid What In Its Path? © easierscouting.com a) Cars b) Obstacles c) Other animals Ans: b 	A Guide Dog Wears A Leather What? © easierscouting.com a) Collar b) Harness c) Coat Ans: b 
What Is One Of The Most Important Rules For Guide Dogs While Their Harness Is On? © easierscouting.com a) To only poop when told b) To walk in a straight line c) Not to get distracted by anything Ans: c 	A Guide Dog Handler Directs The Dog By Using? © easierscouting.com a) Commands b) A whistle c) A special dog talker Ans: a 	