

The Golden Bridge

A Guide to Assistance Dogs

**for Children Challenged
by Autism or Other
Developmental Disabilities**



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While centered on children, the suggestions that Gross shares will become immensely ideal for anyone involved in breeding, raising, and teaching canines to mitigate any type of disability at any age. This important information compendium is helpful information for parents dealing with the social, emotional, and educational issues linked to raising kids with difficulties. Myths and labels regarding autism are explored, examined, and redefined. In *The Golden Bridge*, Patty Dobbs Gross provides both personal and expert advice on how specially bred and trained dogs help facilitate communication for kids with autism and various other developmental disabilities. This amazing volume also includes a vast list of resources, including Web sites, for follow-up information, a section on books about autism, and a directory of assistance dog companies. *The Golden Bridge* provides information about coping with autism, animal-assisted therapy and autism, teaching an assistance dog to work with a kid with autism or a developmental disability, and using an assistance puppy to deal with a child's grief.



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Excellent Guide Book For Children's Service Dogs I found this book extremely honest and informative. It has opened my eyes up to how tremendously essential proper puppy choosing, lots of socialization, and excellent teaching is. I also actually enjoyed reading the letter written by a Mother to her son showing the growth along with challenges that her son and their service dog have been through during the last 12 months. I especially appreciated the last two chapters of the publication as they just seemed therefore touching and down to earth. This reserve helped me to bridge my interest for animals with a way to communicate with my child. On a side take note I would like to say that I myself have just started dealing with Patty to get a Northstar pet for my child with Sensory Processing Disorder. Without the life work of Patty all our lives would be so much heavier. Inspiration for Family members with Children with Developmental Challenges

Patty Dobbs Gross presents an inspirational tale of her personal struggle and triumphs as she attempts for the best resources for her son with autism, among which is a support dog. Enjoy! Later chapters in the publication focus on teaching and incorporating service canines in to the lives of children with developmental disabilities. These chapters are contributed by specialists in their areas and should become a model for any service dog firm. The power a dog must help it's individual counterpart is quite understudied, this publication brings all the concealed treasure of dog ownership for kids to light! Less appealing areas of the reserve included the over advertising of the author's NPO 'North Star' which breeds and trains assistance dogs. So frequent was the name cited that I experienced like I was reading the script from an infomercial. I quite definitely appreciated the author's personal tales about raising her child who is on the autism spectrum and how he created and progressed through the years, in part due to the relationship with his service doggie. The chapters describing the training and breeding of assistance canines were also very helpful, both from the author's knowledge as a trainer, and from the advice distributed by several contributing professionals in the second half of the publication. Along with tireless advertising of North Star comes the one minded assistance that the best alternative for an assistance pet is a 100 % pure bred Golden Retriever (only) that's well bred (North Superstar), well tempered (North Celebrity), and well qualified (North Superstar). I also found the text to become a bit flowery for my flavor, and at times found it therefore over saturated with unneeded metaphors and similes that it smothered the passage (such as a load of jagged rock crashing down on a fragile candle). Overall I did so find this to become a useful publication, particularly since our family is in the market for a puppy, and hopefully that it could be a good companion for our youthful son who's on the spectrum. Based on this reading though, I am not really convinced we really need one of the elite assistance canines referred to in the Golden Bridge, so we have modified our search toward a more ordinary family pet.

Fabulous book! A Very Inspiring Go through - Required Reading FOR JUST ABOUT ANY Parent Considering a Dog This book is one of the best written in regards to both educating yourself about acquiring a pet for your kids and also a bonus to us parents of children on the Autism Spectrum - the author speaks from her own experiences (of which I relate to so much Personally i think as if I know her) and opens her heart and mind about inspiring and visionary life. Fabulous book!.. Dogmatic Just finished the reserve and thought I would share my impressions while fresh. The power a dog has to help . We are a family considering a Golden Retriever to become our three year old's son's "best friend" and an integral part of our family members and this book has been a wealth of info about them. I highly recommend this book to any family considering a pet and especially to a family group who has a kid with developmental or learning complications. I can't wait to read this author's next book! Patty can be honest and immediate as she clarifies her emotions of isolation, frustration, or even anger and embarrassment with close friends, the school system and Danny's peer group. Dogs connect right to the HEART THE GOLDEN BRIDGE is a wonderful book about working with dogs with particular needs kids with a primary concentrate on children with developmental disorders and particularly children with autism. Patti Dobbs, and also other guest authors, have a kid with autism. They generously bring you into their lives to talk about the pain and the joys of experiencing a child that is "different". They all explain the isolation from additional families and the

beautiful effects that a dog might have in healing. Recommend to anyone who loves animals Recommend to anyone who loves animals. We hope it will help her. This book is a terrific jumping off point I'm a pup trainer seeking to start teaching autism assistance dogs. Not merely is her story familiar and inspiring, but her function that fuels this publication has saved and improved therefore many lives. There's compelling information regarding the significant benefits of dogs in the lives of family members with special requirements and children in classrooms, as well as instructions on training or finding dogs to be a part of families or therapy sessions. I've a special needs child and love dogs. It really showed that despite the fact that sometimes you do need to take a few steps back, sticking with an excellent system that uses positive schooling can make all the difference. By no means underestimate the power of love! Service Pet for Autistic Person Explains a lot of things about the value of having a pet dog and the selection and training of something dog. Uses own encounter throughout publication to illustrate viewpoint. Life Changing publication and service Patty Dobbs Gross has written a publication that will be a gift to families who live with Autism for several years to come. This book is a terrific jumping off stage, offering truly beneficial references and assets. Our North Star doggie is a Border Collie and now 11 years old and still a way to obtain comfort and independence. He assists our severely autistic boy(nonverbal) to have wings while getting 1:1 24/7. Patty may be the real deal she is caring and educated, and I couldn't be more thankful for all your hard work she did to create this opportunity open to us and additional children in want. Her humor and perspective on autism and the magical potential prepared to be discovered, as well as the very practical knowledge on canines and their special characteristics, are building new pathways in so many lives. There is wish in Autism, and Patty provides produced among the largest sources for us and I'm sure many more to come. Good book Bought this for a pal who has a nephew with autism. Exceptional! Have not heard back again from her yet if she loves it or not. The Golden Bridge: A Guide to Assistance Dogs for Children Challenged By Autism or other Developemntal Disabilities. I found the book very informative when working with the child and matching your dog to the person. I am sure this publication will be used alot later on.



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