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**OccuPaws Hires Certified Guide Dog Mobility Instructor**

**Madison, Wis. – July 7, 2011** OccuPaws, a non-profit offering residents of Wisconsin free of charge guide service dogs, has hired a new Certified Guide Dog Mobility Instructor, Deanne Miller, to lead the training and certification of the dogs in the program.

Miller is a certified Guide Dog Mobility Instructor who received her certification from Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI. Her extensive training experience includes training more than 40 guide dogs and successfully pairing them with recipients, has trained service/guide dogs for visually impaired people in manual wheelchairs, and has experience training several assistance/hearing dogs. Most recently she spent two years living in Western Australia as GDMI for Guide Dogs WA.

*“OccuPaws is thrilled to have someone with Deanne’s experience join our team, and we are looking forward to all the opportunities our new certified trainer will bring to the organization”* said Barb Schultze OccuPaws’ President of the Board.

OccuPaws provides highly trained dogs of exceptional health and temperament at no cost to visually impaired adults and children in Wisconsin, with a custom and personalized in home and at work training program. *“I am thrilled and so excited to be a part of such a wonderful organization that provides these wonderful life changing dogs free of charge to residents of Wisconsin”* said Deanne Miller.

**About OccuPaws:**

OccuPaws is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, charitable organization located in Madison, WI. OccuPaws is an innovative, creative and life-changing organization dedicated to empowering the visually impaired while raising awareness and education for both adults and children. For more information, visit [www.occupaws.org](http://www.occupaws.org) or [www.facebook.com/occupaws](http://www.facebook.com/occupaws)