

5 Tips: When You Meet a Seeing Eye® Dog

Always remember, distracting a Seeing Eye dog can make its owner vulnerable to harm.

1. Please don't let your pet near a guide dog, even if your pet is leashed. Even allowing your pet to visit or "say hi" for just a moment can cause the guide dog to lose focus on the important job he or she has to do
2. It's helpful to let a person who is blind know that you are nearby and tell them if you have a dog with you
3. Do not call the dog's name, make eye contact, feed, or talk to the dog. It's always best to treat the dog as if he or she is not there
4. Do not pet a guide dog while wearing the harness. If the dog is resting without wearing the harness, ask the owner before you pet the dog and respect the person's decision if they say no
5. Do not shout directions, take the person by the arm, or interrupt them when they are crossing the street. If you are concerned for their safety, ask them if they need help first