

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, jeopardizing the safety of the team.
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 they are not there.
4. Do not pet a guide dog when they are wearing the harness. If the dog is resting without their 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.

About The Seeing Eye

Established in 1929, The Seeing Eye provides specially bred and trained dogs to guide people who are blind. Seeing Eye® dog users experience greatly enhanced mobility and independence, allowing them to retain their active lifestyles despite blindness. The Seeing Eye is a 501(c)(3) non-profit supported by contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations, bequests, and other planned gifts. The Seeing Eye name is only used to describe dogs trained at the school's facilities in Morristown, N.J. For more information: www.SeeingEye.org, (973) 539-4425, info@seeingeye.org.