

DOG GUIDE ETIQUETTE

A dog should NEVER be distracted from its duty to be alert eyes for the handler.

It is OKAY TO ASK to pet the dog guide.

NEVER GRAB a dog's harness or the handler's arm.

A dog guide should NEVER be offered food or treats.

ALWAYS TALK TO THE HANDLER, not the dog.

DO NOT honk your horn or yell at a dog guide user to indicate safe crossing of a street. Your behavior may distract the dog and place the team in danger.

When the dog is IN HARNESS, it is working. Do not attempt to PLAY with the dog.

When they are NOT IN HARNESS, dog guides are like normal pets and treated as such.

Dogs cannot see the difference between red and green traffic lights. The handler listens to traffic and TELLS the dog when it is safe to cross.

Guide dogs are trained to stop at street curbs.

When the dog is at rest while in harness, the handler places them where they will not interfere with other people's travels. DO NOT move the dog or entice it to move. If it is necessary for the dog to be moved, inform the handler.

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