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Dog Guide Etiquette

Speak to the handler, not the service dog.

Don't distract a Dog Guide. This means don't touch, talk, make eye contact or feed the dog. Ignore dog unless given permission.

Only the handler should give the dog commands/cues.

Do not disturb the dog when it is resting.

Don't tease/ abuse the dog.

Only help if requested by the handler. Offer but don't force. Don't try to take control in situations unfamiliar to the dog or handler.

Don't treat the dog like a pet. Some handlers will allow petting. Ask if you may do so. Don't be offended if the handler says no.

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