



Guide and Assistance Dogs

# Etiquette



## How to interact with a Guide or Assistance Dog

**Always talk to the handler, not their Guide or Assistance Dog.**

Not only is it polite but when a Guide or Assistance Dog is working it needs to concentrate. Interruptions to their concentration can severely affect their handler's safety.

**If you think a person needs assistance, ask them first.**

Never grab the person, the Guide or Assistance Dog or its harness or coat without permission.

**Make sure your pet dog is on a lead and under control in public.**

If possible, move yourself and your pet away from the Guide or Assistance Dog.



**Never feed**

a Guide or Assistance Dog.



**Never pat**

a Guide or Assistance Dog.



**Never distract**

a Guide or Assistance Dog with food, noises, talking to it, approaching or patting it.

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