

Service Dog Etiquette for Owners



Don't be overprotective or overbearing

When the graduate first arrives home, be thoughtful, patient, and try to inspire confidence in the handler

Don't expect too much too soon

Remember that the dog is young and that complete harmony and confidence takes patience, perseverance, and time



Don't give the dog table scraps

Show respect for the handler's need to give their dog a balanced diet, and to maintain its good habits



Don't allow anyone to tease or abuse the dog

Allow the service dog to rest undisturbed



Don't allow other animals to challenge or intimidate the dog

Allow the animals to meet on neutral ground when all parties can be supervised



Don't allow dog on furniture or in areas not mutually agreed upon

Ask the dog's handler to correct any errant behavior



Don't let the dog outside unsupervised

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