

Please let guide dogs work

Attacks on guide dogs are serious events that result in physical injury and cause great distress for the owners. But dog distraction is much more common and can also prevent a guide dog from doing its work.

If a guide dog continually meets pet dogs that jump, bark or sniff at them while they are working, they will concentrate more on looking out for other dogs and less on safely guiding their owner around obstacles.

It's at this point we either have to undertake remedial training or, in the worst cases, retire the dog early.

Both scenarios mean that a person with sight loss loses the means to get out safely and independently.

That's why we ask people to keep their pets away from guide dogs while they are working.

So if you see an assistance dog, please:



Think
STOP
Put your dog on a lead

Thanks very much for your help.

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