

### 5 Tips: When You Meet a Seeing Eye® Dog

Always remember, distracting a Seeing Eye dog can make its owner vulnerable to harm.

1. Guide dogs don't understand social distancing. Please help keep a safe distance by staying 6 feet away.
2. Please don't let your pet near a guide dog, even if your pet is leashed. Even allowing your pet to visit or "say hi", for just a moment can cause the guide dog to lose focus on the important job he has to do.
3. It's helpful to let a person who is blind know that you are nearby and tell them if you have a dog with you.
4. Do not pet the guide dog, call the dog's name, make eye contact, feed or talk to the dog. It's always best to treat the dog as if he is not there.
5. Do not shout directions, take the person by the arm or interrupt them, especially when they are crossing the street. Always ask the person if they need help first.

#### **About The Seeing Eye**

Established in 1929, The Seeing Eye provides specially bred and trained dogs to guide people who are blind. Seeing Eye dog users experience greatly enhanced mobility and independence, allowing them to retain their active lifestyles despite blindness. The Seeing Eye is a 501(c)(3) non-profit supported by contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations, bequests, and other planned gifts. The Seeing Eye name is only used to describe dogs trained at the school's facilities in Morristown, N.J. For more information: [www.SeeingEye.org](http://www.SeeingEye.org), (973) 539-4425, [info@seeingeye.org](mailto:info@seeingeye.org).