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Service Dog Etiquette

Service animals play a vital role in the lives of individuals with disabilities. Understanding legal rights, responsibilities, and proper etiquette is crucial.



Common Misconceptions

- Service animals are the same as emotional support animals.
- Any animal can be a service animal.

Handler Challenges

- Denial of access to public places.
- Lack of awareness and understanding.
- Fake service animals

Promoting Awareness

- Information and Resources
- Advocacy for stricter regulations and enforcement

Do's & Don'ts

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| ✓ Do speak to the handler, not the animal. | × Do not pet, feed, or distract the animal. |
| ✓ Do maintain a respectful distance. | × Do not make noises or gestures. |
| ✓ Do offer assistance if it seems needed. | × Do not assume the animal is off-duty. |

How You Can Help

- Spread the word about the importance of service animals.
- Support policies and initiatives that protect the rights of service animal handlers.

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