

**LIONS WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND
DOG GUIDE POLICIES**

Health Maintenance

1. Relieving or "parking" your dog.
 - a. Most schools recommend that the dogs be taken out at least four times a day. You should be able to alter the timing to suit your own personal schedule.
 - b. A concrete area has been designated for "parking" the dog guides. It is preferred that this area be used. However, if the dog refuses to use the concrete area, the grass on the north side of the women's dormitory may be used. Pick up waste when using the concrete or the grass behind the women's dorm. Dispose of the waste by putting it in the container by the dog park area.

PLEASE NOTE THAT, AS OF 2002, IT IS A CITY OF LITTLE ROCK ORDINANCE THAT YOU PICK UP WASTE AFTER YOUR DOG.

2. Grooming your dog.
 - a. Your dog should be groomed daily. Even short haired dogs need their coats brushed. The general area for grooming is the patio. Place the hair in the trash cans in the courtyard.
 - b. Please arrange a meeting with your instructor twice a month to check your dog guide for fleas and ticks.
 - c. It is your responsibility to also have the dog's bedding inspected and to spray it to prevent fleas and ticks.

Obedience Reinforcement

1. It is the user's responsibility to contact the dog guide school for assistance with obedience and training problems.
2. Your dog guide must adapt to LWSB's living and working conditions as well as the general environment of the rehabilitation center.
3. You must not allow your dog on furniture, beds, or sofas.
4. Your dog guide should always be on leash and in harness when you are using it as your guide. This is especially important during LWSB's regular working hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
5. Law prohibits the admission of a non-working dog into the cafeteria. Therefore, your dog should be on leash and in harness while in the cafeteria.
6. Your dog has been trained to ignore distractions and other animals when it is on leash and/or

in harness. You must make every effort to maintain this training.

7. Dog guides are trained not to bark or growl. Aggressive dogs create problems for others and are hazardous. Every effort should be made to control aggressive behavior in public environments. In the event that another person is hurt (bitten, nipped, scratched, bumped, knocked, etc.) by a dog guide, it is the duty of the handler to inform LWSB personnel immediately, and to work with the staff to notify the appropriate authorities (Animal Control, Dog Guide school, etc.).
8. It is important to maintain obedience training with your dog such as having it sit, down, and stay on your command.
9. You should work your dog regularly not only to maintain their training but also their general health.

Resources

1. University Animal Clinic
1400 South University
664-8848
2. Asher Animal Clinic
6311 Asher Avenue
562-0650
3. Dr. Jim Westbrook,
3312 Mabelvale Pike
568-2997
4. The coordinator of volunteers will help you arrange to purchase food for your dog, if given adequate notice.