# Seeing Eye Dogs Welcome

## Support people with a Seeing Eye Dog or puppy, to gain access to public places.

People in the company of a Seeing Eye Dog puppy, dog in training or working dog, have a right of access to all public spaces and services. Vision Australia’s research shows that many people experience discrimination when out with a Seeing Eye Dog or puppy in public places. Vision Australia is calling on you to help stop discriminatory behaviour and support people with a Seeing Eye Dog or puppy gain access to public spaces.

## Statistics

* 55% have been refused access to a public space while out with a Seeing Eye Dog. (50.7% CARER, 89.5% TRAINER, 50.6% HANDLER)
* 1in 2 have felt discriminated against while out with a Seeing Eye Dog. (33.3% CARER, 70.6% TRAINER, 56.8% HANDLER)
* 60% experienced difficulty hailing a taxi when out with their Seeing Eye Dog.
* 60% of handlers have experienced difficulty getting a table in a restaurant or café while out with their Seeing Eye Dog. ”Sometimes they won’t let me enter a cafe or restaurant. When they do, I can’t sit where I want, and I’m often asked to sit in an area away from other people”
* 1in 3 people experienced difficulty with reserving accommodation whilst travelling with their Seeing Eye Dog.

## Footnotes

\*CARER: a volunteer who looks after a Seeing Eye Dog puppy during their early developmental stages.

\*TRAINER: a paid employee of Vision Australia.

HANDLER: a person who is blind who works with a Seeing Eye Dog for improved independence.

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