Visiting Dogs at Yorktown or Patterson Campuses

To give the pup you raised the best opportunity to adjust to his new home, visits with your dog during their first two months in training after their IFT tests are not advisable and cannot be approved. During the early stages of training, trainers are working on forming an important bond with the dog and it can become confusing for the dogs if puppy raisers visit during this early time.

Yorktown Kennels:
Thereafter, if you would like to plan a visit to Guiding Eyes for the Blind headquarters to visit the dog that you raised, please follow these steps. Prior to your visit, give at least two weeks notice to your Regional Manager. At any one time we may have more than 165 dogs residing with us in our Yorktown kennel and planning ahead will help to ensure a successful visit. Visits are limited to a maximum time of one hour.

Your regional manager will coordinate with both the Kennel Manager and your dog’s Instructor to make sure it is an acceptable time to visit with the dog. Please understand there are times that a visit may need to be declined; particularly if it is deemed that a visit with a dog may interfere with your dog’s progress in the phase of training they are in and how your pup is progressing in his/her training.

Can I bring my dog treats? Questions arise about bringing treats to your dog. Please understand that your dogs are on a vet approved diet and treats. Treats that we do not use in the kennel can upset their stomachs which can negatively affect training.

Can I bring my dog a toy? Only pre-approved toys can be given to dogs in training. These toys will be added to the enrichment supply so all of our dogs will benefit. Approved toys are nylabones, Kongs and Goughnut products. Puppy raisers can check out our Wish List on Amazon.com for items used in kennel enrichment.

Patterson Kennels:
Puppy raisers must contact their Regional Manager to request a visit. Your regional manager will coordinate with the Breeding Kennel Manager to make sure it is an acceptable time to visit with the dog. Please understand there are times that a visit may need to be declined.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding. As always, we appreciate all you have done!