**Chapter 21: Guests**

For those of you who live locally, or have family and friends that do, you may want to have them visit you here on campus. This is generally permitted during the hours listed below. In this chapter you will also find some guidelines and tips for successful visits with your new guide dog.

Visiting Hours-

1st Sunday: 1:00-4:00pm

2nd Saturday: After 4:00pm

2nd Sunday: After 12:00noon

Please let your instructors know anytime you are expecting guests. If you need to have visitors outside of the standard visiting hours, please speak to instructors to make arrangements.

Upon arrival, your guests will most likely want to meet your dog. This is fine, of course. However, there are a few guidelines to follow:

* Communicate to your guests ahead of time that you will be working with your dog to keep him or her calm and under good control during their visit. This way they will know what to expect and you will have less explaining to do in the excitement of the moment.
* You should have your dog on leash (no harness), and have your dog sit while greeting your guest; this will help keep him or her under control.
* You may choose whether to have your guests interact with your dog or not. Your guest may say hello to the dog and pet it briefly, but should not play with the dog, use the dog's name, or get overly demonstrative. Help your guests understand that you are still going through an important bonding process with your dog.
* If you choose to leave campus with your guests, your dog must stay behind, crated in your room. Please let the instructors know that you are leaving campus, and keep in mind you are expected back for scheduled feed, water, and park times.

NOTE: If you are training with your new dog at home, much of this section will not be applicable to you. However, you may find the above guidelines helpful when introducing friends and family to your new dog.

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