

The difference between a pet dog and a Dog Guide

Pet dog

Commonly known as 'companion dog', 'therapy dog', 'emotional support dog' or 'pet dog'.

May or may not be obedient.

May or may not be toilet trained.

May or may not be aggressive.

Can enter businesses at the business owner's discretion.

Dog Guide

Commonly known as 'Guide Dog', 'Seeing Eye Dog', 'Stapel Working Dog' or 'Service Dog'.

Highly trained to assist a person with vision loss.

Trained to toilet on command.

Bred for their temperament, well socialised and well behaved.

Everywhere a Handler goes, a Dog Guide can go to under Australian law.



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