DON'T DISTRACT SERVICE DOGS!

Always ask the owner before interacting with a service dog.

Distraction is dangerous for both the animal and owner.

Distractions include:
- Petting or feeding
- Other animals, especially off-leash
- Eye contact
- Talking to / directing

"It is unlawful for a person to, without just cause, willfully impede or interfere with the duties performed by a dog if the person knows or has reason to believe the dog is a guide or leader dog. A violation of this subsection is a Class 3 misdemeanor." - Code of Virginia § 3.2-6588A. Intentional interference with a guide or leader dog.

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