



# ASSISTANCE ANIMALS POLICY

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## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline Wallsend Diggers expectations regarding the admittance of assistance animals to the Licensed Premises of the properties of Wallsend Diggers, 5 Tyrrell Street, Wallsend and Wallsend Diggers Sports Club, 5 Fogo Street, Wallsend.

## Scope

This policy applies to any person who enters Wallsend Diggers or Wallsend Diggers Sports Club with an animal that they class as being an assistance animal.

## Board Policy

Under Standard 3.2.2 – Food Safety Practices and General Requirements, only certain animals are allowed in food premises.

The Policy of the Board of Directors is that Assistance Animals must be allowed into dining, drinking areas and other areas used by customers. They are not allowed in non-public areas, such as the kitchen. Animals must be on a lead at all times and be with their handler.

An Assistance Animal is a guide dog or other animal that is accredited to provide assistance to a person with a disability. Under section 4 of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth) (DDA)* "disability means:

- (a) Total or partial loss of the person's bodily or mental functions;
- (b) Total or partial loss of a part of the body;
- (c) The presence in the body of organisms causing disease or illness;
- (d) The presence in the body of organisms capable of causing disease or illness;
- (e) The malfunction, malformation or disfigurement of a part of the person's body;
- (f) A disorder or malfunction that results in the person learning differently from a person without the disorder or malfunction; or
- (g) A disorder, illness or disease that affects a person's thought processes, perception of reality, emotions or judgment or that results in disturbed behaviour;

And includes a disability that:

- (h) Presently exists;
- (i) Previously existed but no longer exists;
- (j) May exist in the future (including because of a genetic predisposition to that disability); or
- (k) Is imputed to a person.

## **Accreditation**

Accreditation must be cited by the Staff or Management before any person enters the Licensed Premises with what they claim to be an assistance animal.

There are number of Accreditations.

Please see Appendix A for a description and images of accepted accreditation.

## **Pet Dogs/Animals**

**Pet Dogs/Animals are not allowed into the Licensed Premises at all.**






John Hume

Chief Executive Officer

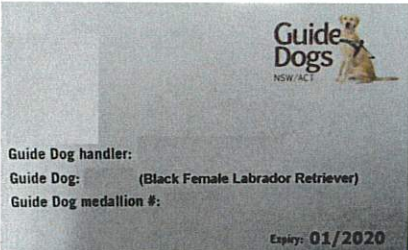
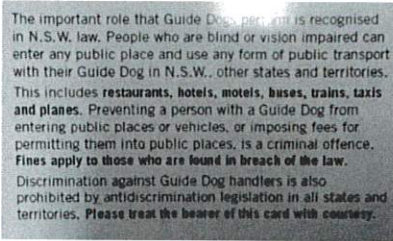




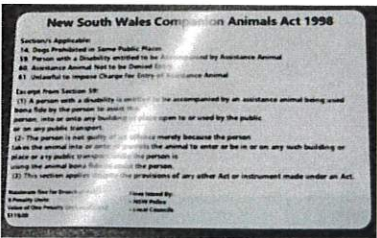

## **APPENDIX A – Description and Images of accepted accreditation**

# Schedule B

Accepted accreditation from organisations endorsed by TfNSW:

Endorsed Organisation	Accepted Accreditation (Images supplied and used with permission)	
Australian Lions Hearing Dogs		
	Identification card (front)	Identification card (back)
		
MindDog Australia	Marked vest and leash (animals in-training are marked with L plates)	
		
	Identification card (front)	Identification card (back)
		
	Marked vest (animals in-training labelled 'trainee')	

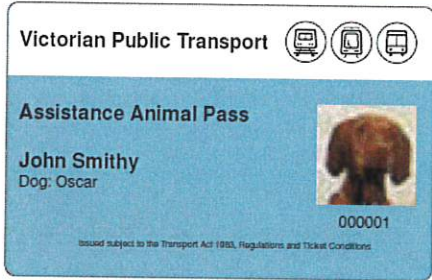







Endorsed Organisation	Accepted Accreditation (Images supplied and used with permission)	
Guide Dogs Australia	 <p>Guide Dog handler: Guide Dog: (Black Female Labrador Retriever) Guide Dog medallion #: Expiry: 01/2020</p>	 <p>The important role that Guide Dogs perform is recognised in N.S.W. law. People who are blind or vision impaired can enter any public place and use any form of public transport with their Guide Dog in N.S.W., other states and territories. This includes restaurants, hotels, motels, buses, trains, taxis and planes. Preventing a person with a Guide Dog from entering public places or vehicles, or imposing fees for permitting them into public places, is a criminal offence. Fines apply to those who are found in breach of the law. Discrimination against Guide Dog handlers is also prohibited by antidiscrimination legislation in all states and territories. Please treat the bearer of this card with courtesy.</p>
	Identification card (front)	Identification card (back)
		
	Leather harness and handle (animals in-training wear marked vest)	
Vision Australia Seeing Eye Dogs		
	Medallion (front)	Medallion (back)
	 <p>Card Number: Issue Date: 19/12/2019</p> <p><b>IDENTITY CARD</b></p> <p>17 Barrett Street, Kensington VIC 3031</p> <p>SED: Doggo Dog ID: 1296</p>	 <p><b>New South Wales Companion Animals Act 1998</b></p> <p><b>Section 59 - Application</b></p> <p>59. Dogs Prohibited in Some Public Places</p> <p>59. Person with a Disability entitled to be Accompanied by Assistance Animal</p> <p>60. Assistance Animal Not to be Treated as a Dog</p> <p>61. Unlawful to Impose Charge for Entry of Assistance Animal</p> <p><b>Exemption from Section 59</b></p> <p>(1) A person with a disability is entitled to be accompanied by an assistance animal being used by the person to assist the person, into or onto any building or place open to or used by the public, or on any public transport.</p> <p>(2) The person is not guilty of an offence merely because the person takes the animal into or onto or provides the animal to enter or be in or on any such building or place or at a public transport facility if the person is using the animal bona fide to assist the person.</p> <p>(3) This section applies despite the provisions of any other Act or instrument made under an Act.</p> <p><b>Maximum Fine for Breach of Section 59</b></p> <p>6 Months Imprisonment or 100 Penalty Units or Both</p> <p>6 Months Imprisonment or 100 Penalty Units or Both</p> <p>6 Months Imprisonment or 100 Penalty Units or Both</p>
	Identification card (front)	Identification card (back)
		
	Marked harness and handle (animals in-training may not have a handle)	




# Schedule C

Accepted accreditation from interstate jurisdictions recognised by TfNSW:

Interstate Jurisdiction	Accepted Accreditation
Victorian Public Transport Assistance Animal Pass	 <p>Identification card (front)</p>
Western Australia Department of Local Government Public Access Permit	<div>  <p>Identification card (front)</p> </div> <div>  <p>Identification card (back)</p> </div>
Queensland Government Handler Identity Card	<div>  <p>Identification card (front)</p> </div> <div>  <p>Identification Card (back)</p> </div>
	 <p>Alternative identification card (front)</p>



Interstate Jurisdiction	Accepted Accreditation	
South Australian Dog and Cat Management Board Pass	<p><b>ASSISTANCE DOG</b> <i>Rover</i></p> <p>Photo of accredited assistance dog</p> <p><b>OWNED BY</b> <i>John Doe</i></p> <p>Photo of the assistance dog handler</p>	<p> <b>Government of South Australia</b> Dog and Cat Management Board</p> <p>Certification pursuant to section 21A of the <i>Dog and Cat Management Act 1995.</i></p> <p>The dog named and depicted on this card is certified as an assistance dog to assist the person named and depicted on this card. The dog named and depicted is not accredited for in-cabin travel by aircraft.</p> <p><i>If this card is found, it should be handed in to the nearest police station, or the Dog and Cat Management Board, GPO Box 1047 Adelaide, SA, 5001</i></p> <p>Authorised By:  <b>Andrew Lamb</b> Board Secretary <b>Date of Expiry: 21 August 2019</b></p>
	Identification card (front)	Identification Card (back)

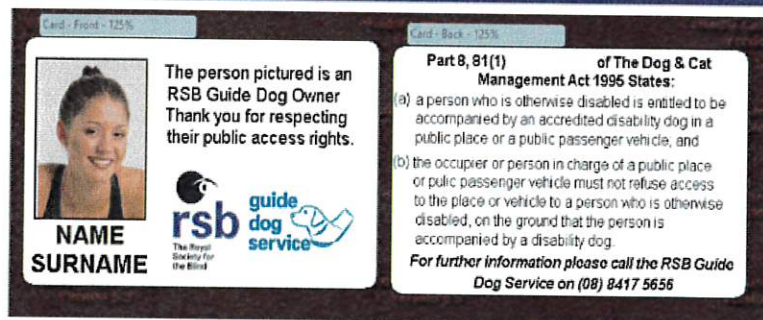
The following passes accepted in South Australia under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* (SA):

Passes accepted in SA	Accepted Accreditation	
Assistance Dogs Australia	<p><b>ASSISTANCE DOGS AUSTRALIA</b> ABN 10 578 746 180 PUBLIC ACCESS LICENCE - Ph 1800 698 364</p> <p> LICENCE NO: FDE555 Accredited HANDLER: John Sample 1 Sample Street Sample, SA 5000 LICENCE EXPIRES: 1/01/2018</p> <p>QUALIFIED PHYSICAL DISABILITY SERVICE DOG: Dunston VALIDATED BY: Richard Lord (CEO)</p>	<p> Disability Discrimination Act 1992 Part 1. Section 9 Disability discrimination - Assistance Dogs For the Purposes of this Act, a person (discriminator) discriminates against a person with disability (aggrieved person) if the discriminator treats the aggrieved person less favourably because of the fact that aggrieved person possesses, or is accompanied by a dog trained to assist the aggrieved person to alleviate the effect of the disability.</p>
	Identification card (front)	Identification Card (back)
Righteous Pups Australia	<p><b>AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOG</b></p> <p>Licence Expiry: 31 MARCH 2018 <b>SONEY AND SIMON SMITH</b> Description of Dog Colour: Yellow, Labrador Sex: Female Microchip No: 9560 0000 2231 379 DOB: 14 August 2008 SONEY is a certified Autism Assistance Dog placed with recipient child: Shaun Smith - under the handling of Simon Smith SONEY is the property of Righteous Pups Australia Inc. www.righteouspups.org.au</p>	<p><b>AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOG</b> Public Access Certification <b>DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1992 - SECT 9</b> Disability discrimination—guide dogs, hearing assistance dogs and trained animals For the purposes of this Act, a person (discriminator) discriminates against a person with a visual disability, or a hearing disability, or any other disability, if the discriminator treats the aggrieved person less favourably because of the fact that the aggrieved person possesses, or is accompanied by a guide dog, or a dog trained to assist the aggrieved person in activities where hearing is required, or because of any matter related to that fact; or any other animal trained to assist the aggrieved person to alleviate the effect of the disability, or because of any matter related to that fact; whether or not it is the discriminator's practice to treat less favourably any person who possesses, or is accompanied by, a dog or any other animal. Subsection (1) does not affect the liability of a person with a disability for damage to property caused by a dog or other animal trained to assist the person to alleviate the effect of the disability or because of any matter related to that fact.</p> <p>Disability Discrimination and Other Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 Now subsection (1) defines "trainer or assistant" as a carer, assistant, interpreter or reader who provides assistance or services to a person because of his or her disability. The new section 7 clarifies that discrimination against a person because of the disability of any of his or her associates also amounts to discrimination under the Disability Discrimination Act.</p> <p><b>Together we can...</b> www.righteouspups.org.au</p>
	Identification card (front)	Identification Card (back)



Passes  
accepted in  
SA

## Accepted Accreditation



Guide dog – Identification card (front and back)



Assistance dog – Identification card (front and back)



Trainer – Identification card (front and back)

Royal Society  
for the Blind