

Meeting a Cariatad Wellbeing Dog

Always ask the handler before petting the dog. Please wait for them to say it is okay.

Let the dog approach you where possible. Give them time and space to say hello at their own pace.

Stay calm and use gentle movements. Avoid sudden movements, shouting or grabbing.

Pet gently. The handler can show you where the dog is most comfortable being touched.

Avoid hugging, squeezing or leaning over the dog, as some dogs can find this uncomfortable.

Do not touch the dog's face, ears, paws or tail unless the handler tells you this is okay.

Give the dog space when asked. Wellbeing dogs may need a short break, a drink or some quiet time during a visit.

Follow the handler's guidance at all times. They know their dog and will help you interact safely and positively.

It's always your choice whether to interact. You do not have to pet or approach the dog if you would prefer not to.

Remember that every dog is different. What one wellbeing dog enjoys, another may not, so please follow the handler's advice.

Most importantly: be gentle, be respectful, and enjoy spending time with the Cariatad Wellbeing Dog!