

On occasion a member may need to bring a guide dog, a guide dog in training or an emotional support dog to an SandB function.

By Australian law, owners do have the right to bring these dogs to public functions, but as an organisation, we have to be certain that the needs of all members attending are met in a considered manner.

Regarding workshops specifically, if you are planning to bring your dog, when you first express interest in attending the workshop, you must notify us of your intention and provide us with a scanned copy of your dog's identity card. We understand that this will confirm your dog has successfully completed her Public Access Test. That way, we can note the fact we have seen this but we do not need to keep a physical copy on record.

We can then notify all other intending participants well ahead of the event to find out if there are concerns they need to raise with the current workshop organiser in the first instance. We envisage that most concerns would be covered, but should there be seriously conflicting needs of participants to be met, we would have to work it through with all parties well prior to any workshop in a totally informed and considered manner.

Finally, before you pay your fee, we need to sight your dog's identity card. If that is in order, and no other participants have issues, then we can finalise your enrolment.

We have spoken to venues which we hire, and as of Dec 2019 their requirements are

1. both dog and bedding be freshly washed, particularly where venues are carpeted
2. dogs are not to be taken into the kitchen area, although of course, they can be with you when eating elsewhere
3. any droppings outside need to be picked up and disposed of (normal procedure these days).