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# Meet a Seeing-Eye Dog

Meet Max.

He is a **seeing-eye dog** that helps Ann, his owner, stay safe.

Why does Ann need Max's help?

Ann is **blind**.

She depends on Max to help her get around without getting hurt.







**Ann**

**Max**



# A Great Team

A seeing-eye dog and its owner, called a **handler**, work as a team.

The handler, who is blind, cannot see things in his or her way.

The dog, however, can show its handler where to go.

To do this, a seeing-eye dog wears a special **harness**.

By holding on to the harness, the handler can safely follow the dog.







**harness**



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**Max the seeing-eye dog has an important job. He safely guides his owner, who is unable to see, across busy streets and up and down stairs. Look inside to learn all about seeing-eye dogs, including how these amazing working dogs are trained and how they help their human companions get around safely.**

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