



Autism Assistance Dogs Visual Guide



Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland

Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland supports families
of autistic children.

They train special dogs to help children feel safe
and calm.



What is an Autism Assistance Dog?

An Assistance Dog is a working dog.

The dog wears a jacket or harness.

This means the dog has a job to do.



What does the dog help with?



The dog helps keep a child safe.
The dog helps the child stay calm.
The dog helps families go out together.

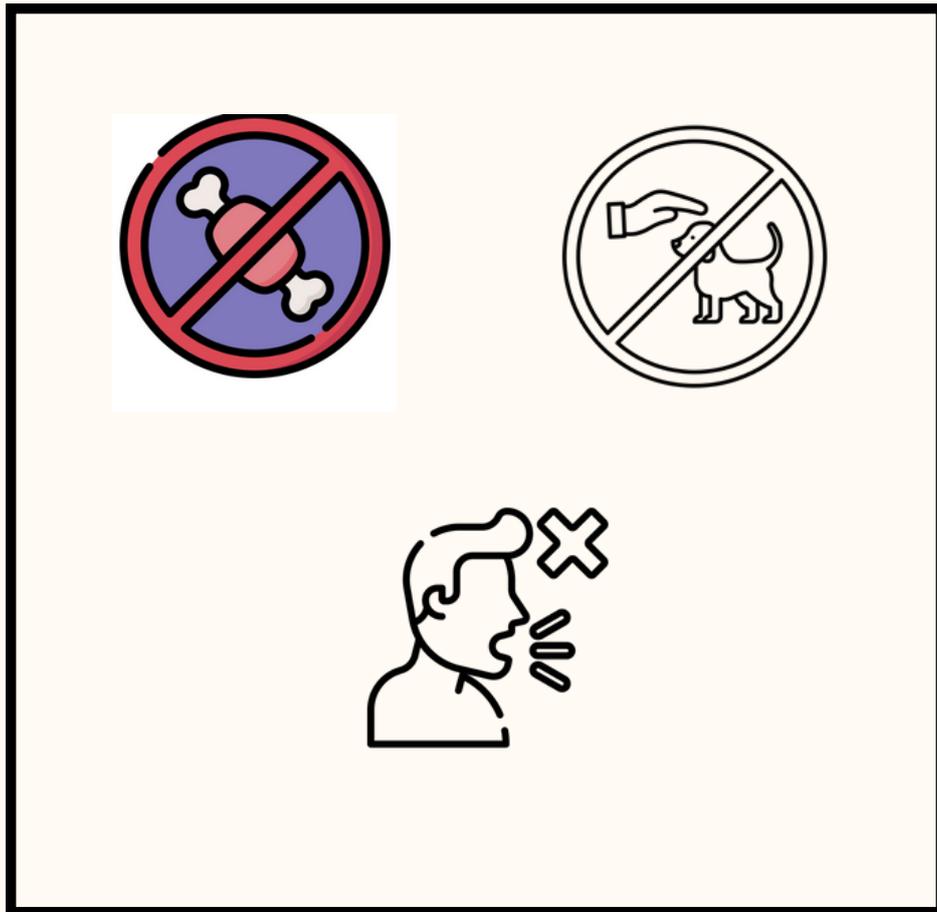


Where might I see an Assistance Dog?

You might see an Assistance Dog:

- In shops
- In parks
- On buses or trains
- In cafés

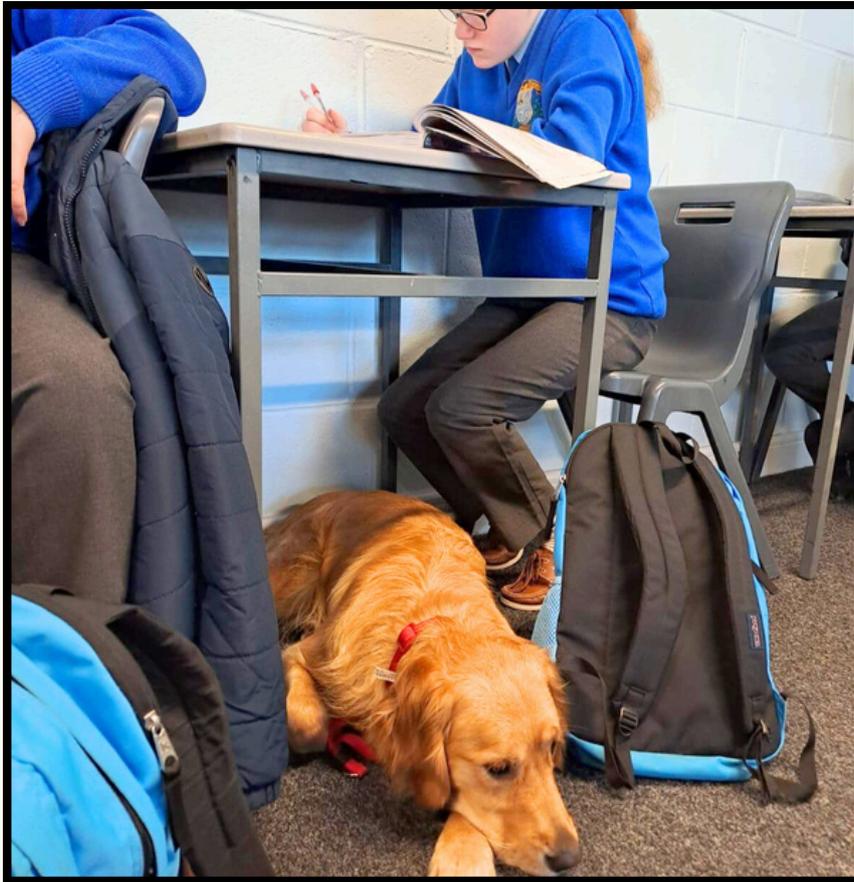
The dog is allowed to be there to support their person.



When you see an Assistance Dog working:

- Do not pet them unless the handler says it's okay
- Do not shout at the dog
- Do not try to distract them with treats or toys
- Let the dog do its job helping its person

This keeps the dog calm and focused.



What else does AADI do?



AADI also trains:

- Educational Assistance Dogs that support wellbeing in schools
- Buddy Dogs that offer emotional support at home

Additional information:

We hope that this visual guide was helpful.
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