Docent Dog Tour
General Information for Front Desk

Tour Guides: Kathryn Lucas & Emma, the Docent Dog
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1. Docent Dog tours for children ages 5 and up are available only upon request. Children must be accompanied by responsible adults. Tours must be booked at least 2 weeks in advance, and last 45 minutes unless a shorter tour is preferred.

2. Docent Dog tours focus on the theme of animals in art throughout the ages. The tours include an overview of the museum’s art collection with specific discussion of selected works.

3. When visitors arrive for a Docent Dog tour, they will be given specific instructions by the tour guide regarding interaction with Emma.

For example, the tour guide will ask visitors to wait to greet Emma until everyone is calmly and quietly gathered together. Then visitors will be introduced to Emma, one by one.

Visitors will be told, “When you greet Emma, you can look at her and softly say her name. If you want to pet her, you start by slowly reaching out your hand, palm up, so that she can sniff your fingers. Dogs sniff with their noses to say hello. She may lick your fingers, too. Then you can pet her by gently scratching her chin and petting her head. She is very gentle and she will take good care of you. If you do not want to pet Emma, you can just softly say hello to her.

4. We ask that all visitors use calm energy throughout the Docent Dog tour, and especially when interacting with Emma. Calm energy is moving slowly, speaking softly, feeling relaxed and being respectful. Calm energy helps everyone listen, learn and really like their museum visit.