



Environment

- Secure areas around water (pools, beaches, lakes, canals) and busy roads
- Install gates at stairs and remove hazards from high traffic areas
- Avoid sudden, loud noises
- Supervise interactions with young children and/or other pets to prevent startling your blind pet
- For added face protection, consider use of Optivizor or Halo harness

Lighting

- Use night lights, flashlights, collar lights, etc for pets with light perception

Navigation

- Use distinct scents in different rooms (e.g. apple in the kitchen, lavender in the bedroom)
- Retain food/water bowls and litterboxes in the same location
- Keep furniture and floors consistently arranged and free of obstacles
- Use tactile cues like rugs or mats

Identification

- Use a collar, leash/harness, bandana, or tags indicating that your pet is blind

Training

- Teach sound cues for navigation and daily activities
- Incorporate scent and sound toys
- Use vocal and touch signals to alert your pet to your presence; consider commands like "step up" or "step down"
- Attach bells to your shoelaces and on other pets
- Consult with a veterinarian or trainer if you have any behavior issues



Suggested Reading -

Living with Blind Dogs by Caroline D. Levine