

What's that dog doing here?

That's **Jeeter**! It's often reported that man's best friend is his dog, and that's unquestionably true when the dog is Jeeter and the man is **Curtis Graham**.

Curtis, a Monday info specialist, and Jeeter, a beautiful black Lab, graduated from Guiding Eyes for the Blind training school in Yorktown Heights, New York on May 26.

Jeeter was born and raised in Indian Trail, North Carolina, and will be two years old on August 8. That's also the Aquarium's birthday, a positive sign that Jeeter was meant to be Curtis' dog.

Curtis and Jeeter were one of 12 teams that graduated together from the training school. This guide dog team is a "first" for Aquarium staff. Curtis and Jeeter flew from New York to Baltimore together the week after graduation, and Curtis was anxious to get back to his work at the information desk.



Curtis and Jeeter pose for a family portrait

Jeeter's first Aquarium duty was on Monday, June 4. He was greeted warmly by volunteers. Tempting though it was, they remembered that guide dogs may not be touched by anyone but their owners, so Jeeter was admired from a distance, and his picture was scanned to make an "official" ID badge. At the info desk, Curtis did what he's been doing for several years, and Jeeter took it all in stride. We heartily congratulate Curtis and Jeeter, and wish them many happy years of Aquarium duty together.