

easyJet in guide dog ban BLIND JO BARRED

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A BLIND woman was barred from an easyJet flight because staff didn't believe her poodle-cross was a guide dog.

Joanna Jones, 34, had previously flown with six-year-old Orla without problems.

But easyJet's staff at Gatwick wanted proof her part-labrador was trained.

Joanna was stuck at check-in for two hours – then told she could not board the flight to Belfast on Sunday.

A confirmation email from guide dog officials arrived too late and Joanna had to stay at her mum's in Hants before getting a flight yesterday.

The visual awareness trainer, of Lisburn, Co Antrim, said: "I know rules are rules but I felt discriminated against." easyJet said guide dogs need documents under flight rules. n.parker@the-sun.co.uk



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