

Service Dog Training Program

Offered by

Paws In Progress Dog Training

What is it?

Don't want to wait years to get a service dog through a program?

Want to train your own dog to be a service dog for you?

If you don't already have a dog we will help you find a dog to train.

Want a lifetime support of help and advice for you and your dog?

We have designed a service dog training program to aid clients that are disabled in training their own service dog specifically for their needs. We believe that giving these clients the opportunity to train their own dog furthers their bond while also strengthening the dogs enjoyment and dedication to carry out his/her duties for their owner as a legal service dog. At a minimum we follow the training standards set by Assistance Dogs International and International Association of Assistance Dog Partners and have added more to ensure the quality and reliability of your dog long term. Our program is designed to help and be there for you and your dog from the day you decide to train him/her to be a service dog for you to the day he/she retires as a service dog.

PRE-REQUIREMENTS:

- Have had a FREE evaluation with the trainer to evaluate your dogs temperament and to talk with you about this training option. Know that not all pets can make the drastic transition to being a working service dog. If this is the case we will be happy to help you find a dog that will work for you.
 - We look for the dog to have a solid temperament. Ex...
 - Doesn't mind loud noises, recovers quickly if startled
 - Tolerates all kinds of people and children petting
 - Not dog aggressive
 - Not shy or nervous
- Have a solid foundation in obedience and have completed Basic Obedience and Advanced Obedience with Paws In Progress and have received their CGC certificate through the AKC upon completing a CGC class.
 - During these classes / lessons you and your dog will be evaluated and observed to see if you follow through with your training each week, follow direction to change or alter training techniques and how your overall relationship is with the dog.
 - Only after these are complete does the trainer decide IF you are still eligible to continue on with the service program. We find that many people aren't committed to this program or their dogs. Only those working hard and putting in the time with their dogs and showing a dedication to learn and be better with their dogs will be able to continue on into the service program.
- Turn in a letter from your doctor to the trainer stating that "You have a disability and that having a service dog would benefit you in dealing with your disability and that you are mentally and physically capable of caring for this animal"
- Turn in a letter from your vet for health clearance (stating that your dog is able to perform the tasks(listed) and service dog work you will require of him/her).
- We follow the guidelines and protocol laid out by Assistance Dogs International and the International Association of Assistance Dog Partners.
 - Requiring that the dog be spayed/neutered when it starts OUR service dog program
 - Up to date on vaccinations
- Our requirement for dogs in this program
 - Age: 7months – 5years old

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- Unlimited Private Lessons for 1yr. Recommended weekly or every other week.
 - Lessons are primarily held at Paws In Progress's training room and must be scheduled in advanced with the trainer. Lessons are only held during the week day, during the day. In order to offer this program this is the only time frame we have available at this time.
 - Minimum of 3 of your lessons will be off site in public.
 - 1 lesson specific to public access and laws
 - 3 Private Lessons off site that can be used anytime throughout the service dogs career
 - 1 Public Access Test (After minimum of 6months of service dog training)
 - 6 Follow up check in evaluations are required (Once a month after the completion and passing of the public access test)
 - Follow up check in evaluations are required annually from the date the dog passes its public access test until the dog retires from the position of being a service dog.
 - Days of Day Training when recommended by the trainer. Whatever amount of days is needed to work through particular issues or help teaching particular commands can be far easier if we do it for you then show you what the dog knows.

COST

- \$2000 – NO credit cards
 - A minimum of \$500 is due up front upon registration after approval from the trainer to ensure commitment.
 - Payment plans are available: \$125 a month
- Vest, Patches, Training equipment will be the client's responsibility

Cost of Training Prior to Service Dog Program

Puppy Preschool 8weeks – 16weeks. One time fee of \$150

Basic Obedience

4 Private Lessons (Come with your dog and learn with your dog) \$350

Day Training (Drop your dog off to learn with us, pick up at the end of each day for 10 days – Private lessons included to transfer the information) \$800

Advanced Obedience class 6weeks \$100

CGC (Canine Good Citizen) class 5weeks \$100 (includes the test on 5th week)

If you choose to take Basic, Advanced Obedience and CGC with another trainer or teach them yourself this will be the criteria that we expect them to know when they start our programs.

Basic

Loose Leash walking (NO tension on the leash)

Heel (Stays right at owners side and sits when owner stops)

Sit (Holds Sit command on 6ft leash until released) (With Distractions – other dog, cat etc)

Down (Holds Down command on 6ft leash until released) (With distractions – other dogs etc.)

Come/Here (Dog comes when called the 1st time, dog will come even when taunted with food by a person)

Wait (Dog can wait at doorways when asked)

Place (Dog can go to a bed, blanket and stay there)

Leave it (Shouldn't try to pick up food on the floor)

Basic Manners – Not jumping up etc.

Advanced Obedience

Loose Leash walking off leash (around dogs)

Heel off leash (around dogs)

Dog will hold a sit at a distance, and out of sight around distractions

Dog will hold a down at a distance and out of sight with distractions

Dog will be able to Sit and Down in motion or at a distance. You can walk with the dog and tell it to Sit or Down and it will sit or down where he/she is.

Come / Down with Distractions, and over food spilled on the floor – should come to you and leave food on the floor.

CGC

Complete CGC Test