

SERVICE DOG TRAINING PROGRAM

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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 you want to train him/her to be a service dog for you to the day he/she retires as a service dog.

PREREQUIREMENTS

- ❖ 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. Following are examples:
 - Doesn't mind loud noises, recovers quickly if startled
 - Tolerates all kinds of people and children touching
 - Not Dog Aggressive (some reactivity may be trainable but will need to be eliminated before entering into this program)
 - Not Shy or Nervous
- ❖ Have a solid foundation in obedience and have completed Advanced Obedience or CGC class (Must have taken **both** by the time you finish your 24 Service Dog Classes) *These classes are not included in the price of the service dog training package.*
- ❖ Turned 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"
- ❖ Turned in a letter from your vet for health clearance (stating that your dog is able to perform the tasks 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
 - We require that your dog be spayed / neutered to start the service dog training program. You can take the prerequisite classes with being intact but to start the program they need to be altered.
 - Up to date on Vaccinations
- ❖ Our requirement for dogs in this program
 - AGE: 5 months – 5 years old
 - Solid Temperment
 - Doesn't mind loud noises, doesn't startle easily – or recovers quickly
 - Can focus on owner with other dogs present (No dog reactivity)
 - Tolerates touching and handling from people and children

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 24 Service Dog Classes - drop in classes must be completed in a 12 month time frame this gives you approx. 48 class spaces to complete your 24 classes. This extra time allows for trips, vacations, appointments, etc. that may cause you to miss a few classes.
 - In these classes your dog will learn some general commands all service dogs should know as well as working on the 3 specific tasks or more that you need your dog to perform for you. (Classes are small and in a semi-private setting to ensure the trainer has time to work with each client one on one in order to work on those tasks specific to their disability.
- MANY Public Access Field Trips (Dates and Location TBA – will be at various stores and malls in the area) Attending 3 is required, but you may attend as many as you like and may attend future Field Trips after certification at no additional charge.
- 1 Class Lecture specific to Public Access and Laws (Dates and Location TBA)
 - Must be completed before you take your dog into public or attend a field trip.
- 3 Private Lessons that can be used anytime throughout the service dog's career.
- 1 Public Access Test (upon completion of all of the above)
 - After you have completed at least 6 months of training.
- 6 Follow up Check In Evaluations are required (Once a month for 6 months 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.

COST

- \$2000 can be paid by cash or check ONLY.
- A minimum of \$500 is due up front upon registration for the class to ensure commitment. From here we can talk about Payment Installments if you need them. Full Balance must be paid before your Public Access Test and Certification.
- Vests, Patches, training equipment will be the client's responsibility. (We will supply you with where you can find these)

How to Get Started

The 1st Class Session to start this program will have all of their classes held from 12-1pm at Douglas Feed and Pet Supply in Granite Bay. Your 1st day in the service dog program will be your program start date. This will be the date we will use when we count a year out to the time you have to complete your 24 classes. You should be able to complete your 24 classes in a year's time unless a major medical issue occurs.

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

We have decided to offer this service but to ensure the personal one on one time each dog and owner team needs we will only be allowing a maximum of 6 dogs into a class session for the course of 1 year. When we get a waiting list of at least 5 more dogs we will start a 2nd class session. (The time and possibly the day for training will change for the 2nd Class Session)

CONTACT THE TRAINER TODAY TO SETUP AN EVALUATION AND LEARN MORE

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Discover the Potential in your Paws !