



Estimated Cost for Service Dog Training Example # 3: Training a Dog that has Knowledge of Basic Obedience Skills and an Owner with Limited Time to Train

The following is an **estimate** of the overall cost associated with this **example** of Service Dog Training. Because each dog and client is different, the length of this program will vary depending upon the dog, the commitment of the client, and each of their overall abilities. All dog and handler teams are required to successfully pass tests together for each of the 4 training phases:
 (1) Basic Obedience, (2) Advanced Obedience, (3) Disability Skills, and (4) Public Access.

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For purposes of this estimated cost summary, we are hypothetically training a dog that client obtained at 5 months old, but is now approximately 1 year. The dog is trainable, but is in the prime of his adolescence and is quite stubborn at times. The dog has socialized with a few other dogs and many people, but is not taken out in busy public areas very often. Owner would really benefit from having the dog as a service dog, but is unable to commit the recommended time as necessary to practicing, socializing, and exercising their dog on a daily basis.



Initial Evaluation and Consultation: This is the first step of the program. It helps us understand exactly what your wants and needs are and gives us a chance to answer any questions you may have.

Phase 1: Basic Obedience: A portion of this phase will be devoted to proper socialization of your dog. Refining all basic cues and ensuring that client is able to give the cues is crucial.

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Phase 2: Advanced Obedience: In addition to the phase checklist, there are also temperament tests and a skill test that dogs are required to pass for this phase.

Phase 3: Disability Skills: This phase is the introduction and foundation of all disability skills. In most instances we will recommend a minimum of 1 week of "Board & Train" so we are able to work with the dog several times each day. (*Note these estimates are based on teaching disability skills of low/medium-level difficulty. Cost will vary depending on how many skills the dog is required to learn and how difficult those skills are.)

Phase 4: Public Access: This training is conducted in public venues and includes refinement of all disability skills in distracting environments.

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"Private Lessons" - 8 Lessons	\$1,360	"Board & Train" - 1 Week (\$1,500) + "Private Lessons" - 5 Lessons (\$850)	\$2,350	"Board & Train" - 2 Weeks (\$2,750) + "Private Lessons" - 5 Lessons (\$850)	\$3,600
Total Cost Range:	<u>\$8,260</u>		<u>\$16,000</u>		<u>\$20,800</u>

*NOTE - Additional travel charges may apply for each lesson depending on the distance from your trainer. Estimated cost range does not include cost of obtaining your puppy or general maintenance (food, veterinarian costs, toys, etc.). Prices are based on the **average** low, medium, and high ends of training. Lesson prices listed are based on package pricing.