



Estimated Cost for Service Dog Training Example # 5: Long-Distance Puppy Training

*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 an 8-12 week old puppy. The puppy was purchased from a reputable breeder. Owner does not reside near to any of the PAWS Training Centers' trainer locations. The puppy is smart, trainable, and has a strong desire to please. The owner is well-committed to practicing with the dog when dog is with him/her.

Scheduled Lesson Trips vs. Long-Term Stays with a Trainer

Option # 1: Lessons are scheduled with either you traveling to a trainer or paying for a trainer to travel to you (see last page of FAQ for travel charges). Periodically your trainer may recommend "Virtual Lessons" via Facetime or Skype. **Travel charges are not included in this Cost Estimate, so please account for those charges. In many cases these travel charges will significantly alter the overall cost of the lesson-based programs and may result in being more expensive than a long-term "Board & Train" program.** For one overnight stay, we typically try to schedule 2.5 hours of training on one evening and 2.5 hours the next morning (so one 5-lesson/hour program is completed during each trip). [*Note - for purposes of this Cost Estimate, lesson prices are listed as if you are purchasing the 5-lesson package]. Typically these trips are spaced out approximately 3 - 8 weeks apart with Virtual Lessons scheduled in between.

Option # 2: Your dog could stay in long-term "Board & Train" programs with you traveling periodically to work with the trainer (for these long-term programs, we do recommend periods of time having the dog stay with you so you can build your bond and practice the skills that have been taught).

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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 and Phase 2: Advanced Obedience: For most young puppies, Phases 1 & 2 take the longest to pass as there are many new skills and behaviors they are required to learn.

Evaluation	\$300	Evaluation	\$300	Evaluation	\$300
"Private Lessons" - 10 lessons (\$1,700) + 5 "Virtual Lessons" Skype/Facetime calls (\$650)	\$2,350	"Board & Train" - 8-Weeks (\$9,000) + 5 Private Lessons (\$850)	\$9,850	"Board & Train" - 12 Weeks (\$13,5000) + 5 Private Lessons (\$850) + 5 "Virtual Lessons" Facetime/Skype Calls (\$650)	\$15,000

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Phase 3: Disability Skills: This phase is the introduction and foundation of all disability skills. (*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.)

"Board & Train" - 4-Weeks (\$4,500) + 10 Private Lessons (\$1,700)	\$6,200	"Board & Train" -8-Weeks (\$9,000) + 5 Private Lessons (\$850)	\$9,850	"Board & Train" - 8-Weeks (\$9,000) + 10 Private Lessons (\$1,700)	\$10,700
"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
<u>Total Cost Range:</u>	<u>\$10,210</u>		<u>\$22,350</u>		<u>\$29,600</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.