



# At Your Service Dog Training

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## Sample Training Cost Estimate

The estimate below is for what is likely needed for success in “typical” cases where everything goes right and the owner/handler has a high degree of training skills and motivation. It begins with pre-adoption – searching for the right dog – and goes through puppy training and on through task training.

Please be aware that there really is no typical case. Your estimate may be lower or higher depending on a number of factors, including trainability of the dog, skill level and experience of the owner-handler, and level of training needed for the dog. The estimate assumes we’ll cover two (2) skills per half-hour lesson and three (3) skills per hour-long lesson. **Each section is broken down and tallied individually.** *Note: These rates are current as of October 2022.*

<b>PRE-ADOPTION</b>	
Finding the Right Service Dog (Webinar)	\$135
Pre-Adoption Consultation + up to 5 hours of dog search support (email/phone)	\$400
Additional search time – 2 hours @ \$150/hr	\$300
Temperament test for litter of puppies (four hours, 2 trainers) (\$430 for first 2 hours + \$150/hr for next 2 hours)	\$730
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR PRE-ADOPTION COSTS</b>	<b>\$1565</b>

<b>PUPPY TRAINING</b>	
<b>PUPPY BASICS (total of 65 skill units):</b> Potty on cue/house training troubleshooting; Handling (positive emotion, cooperate w/vet, groomer, you, nail trims, brush...); Independence training (preventing demand vocalizing, separation distress); Socialization (positive exposure to multiple environments, strangers, etc.); Crate & confinement training; go to crate on cue & stay happily & quietly; Polite greeting (not jumping, calmness, etc., with family or strangers);	<p><b>40 units covered by PEARL DISC/</b></p> <p><b>25 units by private lessons</b></p>

Mouthing, nipping, bite inhibition, chew training; Trade/Drop it/Prevent resource guarding  SDIT PUPPY PREP: Conditioning to symptoms; public access prep/coaching; task prep; troubleshooting relating to PA/disabilities	
PEARL DISC (10 classes + Pearl Disc assessment) – Level 1	\$370
10 Private lessons – 7 online at \$85-105 each; 3 on-site lessons at \$105-130 each	\$910 - 1125
AYS School Toolkit (training pouch, clickers, settle towels)	\$45 + shipping
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR PUPPY TRAINING</b>  <b>Typical training time: 3-4 months (up to puppy age 6 months)</b>	<b>\$1325-1540</b>
<b>NOTE: Skill units are divided by 3 to determine the number of one-hour on-site lessons needed or divided by 2 to determine the number half-hour online lessons needed</b>	
<b>BASIC &amp; INTERMEDIATE MANNERS TRAINING &amp; PUBLIC ACCESS FOUNDATION SKILLS</b>	
<b>BASIC SKILLS (total of 103 skill units):</b> Working dog walk (loose leash walking + heeling, proofed for PA); Attention on handler – name, default & hand targeting – install + proof for PA; Down-stay/ Settle on target – install + proof to distraction, distance, duration; Impulse control/leave it – install + proof for public access, make default; PA Field Trips; Task foundations; troubleshooting	<b>68 units covered by Bronze DISC/  35 units by Private lessons</b>
Bronze Disc Course (Level 2) 10 weeks	\$330
NOT INCLUDED COST: Bronze Disc assessment conducted by your local trainer	TBD
Private lessons – 12 half-hour online lessons at \$85-105 each; 4 one-hour on-site lessons at \$105-130 each	\$1440-1780

<b>INTERMEDIATE SKILLS (total of 48 skill units):</b> Stand-Stay; Recall (come when called); Wait (safety in doorways, curbs, etc.); Release cue; On-Duty versus Off-Duty/SD training concepts; Response to strangers, legal issues, how to handle access challenges; Unexpected issues; public access training; troubleshooting	<b>40 units covered by Bronze DISC/ 8 units by Private lessons</b>
Silver Disc Course (Level 3) 10 weeks	\$330
Private lessons – 2 half-hour online at \$85-105 each; 2 one-hour on-site at \$105-130 each	\$380-470
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR BASIC &amp; INTERMEDIATE MANNERS + PA FOUNDATION SKILLS TRAINING</b> <b>Typical training time: 6-12 months</b>	<b>\$2480-2910</b>
<b>TASK TRAINING SKILLS</b>	
For people with anxiety, such as PTSD or autism, three likely tasks are listed below. Similar estimates would also apply for many other similar skills. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alert to and interrupt anxiety attacks</li> <li>• Block/space around strangers</li> <li>• Deep pressure</li> </ul> <p>To train three of these tasks simultaneously is estimated to take 20 half-hour online sessions at \$85-105 each</p>	<b>Total units = 44</b>  \$1700-2100
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR LIMITED, SIMPLE TASK TRAINING</b> <b>Typical training time: 3 - 6 months per skill</b>	<b>\$1700-2100</b>
<b>OTHER TRAINING COSTS</b>	
Public Access Evaluation	\$270
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATE TO FIND &amp; FULLY TRAIN A SERVICE DOG</b>	<b>\$7340-8385</b>
<b>Additional task estimates below</b>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Task Training Skills Examples</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Note: We offer many other types of tasks. These are examples of some of the most common.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Skill Units for tasks</b></p>
<p><b>Self-harm interruption</b> (condition cue, train alert/interruption, get under stimulus control, proof to distractions)</p> <p>Note: The same estimate of time would also apply for these skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wake/get out of bed</li> <li>● Anxiety alert</li> <li>● Medication reminder</li> <li>● Go find help (get mom, get PCA, etc.)</li> </ul> <p><i>To train two of these tasks simultaneously is estimated at \$1260 for 12 half-hour sessions with the AYS head trainer</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Typical training time: 3 - 6 months per skill</b></p>	24
<p><b>Hearing alert to doorbell</b> (condition cue, train alert/interruption, get under stimulus control, proof to distractions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Note: The same estimate would apply to other hearing alerts (stove timer, infusion pump, etc.)</li> </ul> <p><i>To train two hearing alerts simultaneously is estimated at \$1575 for 15 half-hour sessions with the AYS head trainer</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Typical training time: 2 - 4 months per skill</b></p>	30
<p><b>Deep pressure, tactile stimulation (lay on lap, lick face, or similar on cue)</b></p> <p><i>Estimated training cost of \$525 for 5 half-hour sessions with AYS head trainer</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Typical training time: 2 - 3 months</b></p>	10
<p><b>Retrieve</b> (pick up object, bring to handler, without tossing/chewing, under stimulus control, proofed to distraction)</p> <p><i>Estimated training cost is \$2250 for 25 half-hour sessions with AYS head trainer</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Typical training time: 4 - 8 months</b></p>	50