



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.*

PRE-ADOPTION	
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
TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR PRE-ADOPTION COSTS	\$1565

PUPPY TRAINING	
PUPPY BASICS (total of 65 skill units): 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); 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	40 units covered by PEARL DISC/ 25 units by private lessons
PEARL DISC (10 classes + Pearl Disc assessment) – Level 1	\$390
10 Private lessons – 7 online at \$85-115 each; 3 on-site lessons at \$105-130 each	\$910 - 1195
AYS School Toolkit (training pouch, clickers, settle towels)	\$45 + shipping
TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR PUPPY TRAINING	\$1325-1630
Typical training time: 3-4 months (up to puppy age 6 months)	

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	
BASIC & INTERMEDIATE MANNERS TRAINING & PUBLIC ACCESS FOUNDATION SKILLS	
BASIC SKILLS (total of 103 skill units): 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	68 units covered by Bronze DISC/ 35 units by Private lessons
Bronze Disc Course (Level 2) 10 weeks	\$350
NOT INCLUDED COST: Bronze Disc assessment conducted by your local trainer	TBD
Private lessons – 12 half-hour online lessons at \$85-115 each; 4 one-hour on-site lessons at \$105-130 each	\$1440-1900
INTERMEDIATE SKILLS (total of 48 skill units): 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	40 units covered by Bronze DISC/ 8 units by Private lessons
Silver Disc Course (Level 3) 10 weeks	\$350
Private lessons – 2 half-hour online at \$85-115 each; 2 one-hour on-site at \$105-130 each	\$380-490
TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR BASIC & INTERMEDIATE MANNERS + PA FOUNDATION SKILLS TRAINING Typical training time: 6-12 months	\$2480-3090
TASK TRAINING SKILLS	
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"> ● Alert to and interrupt anxiety attacks ● Block/space around strangers ● Deep pressure <p>To train three of these tasks simultaneously is estimated to take 20 half-hour online sessions at \$85-115 each</p>	Total units = 44 \$1700-2300
TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR TASK TRAINING Typical training time: 3 - 6 months per skill	\$1700-2300

OTHER TRAINING COSTS	
Public Access Evaluation	\$270
TOTAL ESTIMATE TO FIND & FULLY TRAIN A SERVICE DOG	\$7340-8855
Task Training Skills Examples	
Note: We offer many other types of tasks. These are examples of some of the most common.	
<p>Self-harm interruption (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"> ● Wake/get out of bed ● Anxiety alert ● Medication reminder ● Go find help (get mom, get PCA, etc.) <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;">Typical training time: 3 - 6 months per skill</p>	24
<p>Hearing alert to doorbell (condition cue, train alert/interruption, get under stimulus control, proof to distractions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Note: The same estimate would apply to other hearing alerts (stove timer, infusion pump, etc.) <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;">Typical training time: 2 - 4 months per skill</p>	30
<p>Deep pressure, tactile stimulation (lay on lap, lick face, or similar on cue)</p> <p><i>Estimated training cost of \$525 for 5 half-hour sessions with AYS head trainer</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Typical training time: 2 - 3 months</p>	10
<p>Retrieve (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;">Typical training time: 4 - 8 months</p>	50

