



## Estimated Cost for Service Dog Training Example # 1: Training a Puppy

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 and is being well-socialized with various people, animals, and places throughout each phase of training. The puppy is smart, trainable, and has a strong desire to please. The owner is well-committed to exercising and practicing with the puppy daily.



**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 a chance to answer any and all initial questions you may have.

**Phase 1: Basic 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. However, we will often spread-out these lessons to give you time to practice extensively with your dog. Due to the additional work and stress associated with puppy training, many customers prefer to incorporate a "Love Me, Love My Dog" program.

Evaluation      \$200	Evaluation      \$200	Evaluation      \$200
"My Dog Ate My Homework" - 5 Lessons      \$800	"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 1 Week      \$1,500	"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 2 Weeks + "My Dog Ate My Homework" - 3 Lessons      \$3,110



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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 is typically the most intense phase of training due to its importance of refinement. In most instances we will recommend a minimum of 1 week of "Love Me, Love My Dog" 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 all done in public places in and around your home.

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<p>"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 1 Week \$1,500</p>	<p>"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 2 Weeks \$2,750</p>	<p>"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 2 Weeks + "My Dog Ate My Homework" - 3 Lessons \$3,110</p>
<p>"My Dog Ate My Homework" - 5 Lessons \$800</p>	<p>"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 1 Week \$1,500</p>	<p>"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 1 Week + "My Dog Ate My Homework" - 3 Lessons \$1,950</p>
<b><u>\$4,100</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,450</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,480</u></b>

**Total Cost Range:**

\*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.). If dog is being trained for balance/stability purposes, your trainer will recommend a third party company for you to purchase the Stability Harness (price ranges from \$420 - \$650 + shipping). Prices are based on the **average** low, medium, and high ends of training.