



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

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 who 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 as much 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 a chance to answer any and all initial questions you may have.

**Phase 1: Basic Obedience:** A portion of this phase will be devoted to properly socializing this dog. Refining all basic commands and ensuring that client is able to give the commands is crucial.

Evaluation      \$200          "My Dog Ate My Homework" - 8 Lessons      \$1,325	Evaluation      \$200       "Love Me, Love My Dog" - 1 Week + "My Dog Ate My Homework" - 5 Lessons      \$2,250	Evaluation      \$200       "Love Me, Love My Dog" - 2 Weeks + "My Dog Ate My Homework" - 5 Lessons      \$3,350
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**Phase 2: Advanced Obedience:** Because this dog is no longer a puppy, many of the Phase 2 commands may be a little bit more difficult for him to grasp. Client will be taught how to work through dog's stubbornness issues.

**Phase 3: Disability Skills:** This is typically the most intense phase of training due to its importance of refinement. Dog will likely need to spend a minimum of 2 weeks "In Our Home" so we are able to work with him 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.

"My Dog Ate My Homework" - 10 Lessons \$1,600	"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 1 Week + "My Dog Ate My Homework" - 5 Lessons \$2,250	"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 2 Weeks + "My Dog Ate My Homework" - 5 Lessons \$3,350
"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 2 Weeks + "My Dog Ate My Homework" - 3 Lessons \$3,110	"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 2 Weeks + "My Dog Ate My Homework" - 5 Lessons \$3,350	"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 2 Weeks + "My Dog Ate My Homework" - 8 Lessons \$3,710
"My Dog Ate My Homework" - 5 Lessons \$800	"My Dog Ate My Homework" - 7 Lessons \$1,150	"My Dog Ate My Homework" - 10 Lessons \$1,600
<b><u>\$7,035</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,200</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,210</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.