



## Estimated Cost for Service Dog Training Example # 4: 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.*

### **Example # 4: Long-Distance Puppy Training**

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**

Lessons are scheduled in trips - with either you traveling to a trainer or paying for a trainer to travel to you (see last page of FAQ for travel charges) and periodically your trainer may recommend "Wipe Your Paws" 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 primarily "Love Me, Love My Dog"-based program**. For one overnight stay, we typically try to schedule 2.5 hours of training on one evening and 2.5 hours on the next morning (so one 5-lesson/hour program is completed in each trip). [\*Note - for purposes of this Cost Estimate, lesson prices are listed as if you are purchasing at the discounted rate given in 5-lesson package purchases]. Typically these trips are spaced out approximately 3 - 8 weeks apart with phone/Skype/Facetime calls scheduled in between.

Alternatively, your dog could stay in long-term "Love Me, Love My Dog" programs with you traveling periodically to work with the trainer (for these long-term programs, we do recommend periods of having the dog stay with you so you can build your bond and practice homework with the dog).



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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 a chance to answer any and all initial questions you may have. This can be conducted via phone, Factime, or Skype.

**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	\$200	Evaluation	\$200	Evaluation	\$200
"My Dog Ate My Homework" - 10 lessons (\$1,600) + 5 "Wipe Your Paws" Skype/Facetime calls (\$500)	\$2,100	"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 8-Weeks (\$7,250) + 5 "My Dog Ate My Homework" lessons (\$800)	\$8,050	"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 12 Weeks (\$10,750) + 3 "My Dog Ate My Homework" lessons (\$480) + 2 "Wipe Your Paws" Facetime/Skype Calls (\$200)	\$11,430



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**Phase 3: Disability Skills:** This is typically the most intense phase of training due to its importance of refinement. (\*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.

<p>"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 2-Weeks (\$2,750) + 5 "My Dog Ate My Homework" lessons (\$800)</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">\$3,550</p>	<p>"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 4-Weeks (\$3,500) + 5 "My Dog Ate My Homework" Lessons (\$800) + 2 "Wipe Your Paws" Facetime/Skype calls (\$200)</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">\$4,500</p>	<p>"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 4-Weeks (\$3,500) + 10 "My Dog Ate My Homework" lessons (\$1,600)</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">\$5,100</p>
<p>"My Dog Ate My Homework" - 5 Lessons (\$800) + 4 "Wipe Your Paws" Facetime/Skype calls (\$400)</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">\$1,200</p>	<p>"My Dog Ate My Homework" - 10 lessons</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">\$1,600</p>	<p>"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 1 Week (\$1,500) + "My Dog Ate My Homework" - 5 lessons (\$800)</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">\$2,300</p>
<p><b><u>Total Cost Range:</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>\$7,050</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>\$14,350</u></b></p>

\*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.