



Estimated Cost for Service Dog Training Example # 5: Using a Program Prep Trainer

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 is approximately 1 year old. The dog was purchased from a reputable breeder and has been well-socialized with various people, animals, and places. The dog is smart, trainable, and has a strong desire to please. The owner is well-committed to exercising and practicing with the dog daily. They have completed training with a Program Prep Trainer and are now beginning to work with PAWS Training Centers' to complete the Service Dog Training Program.



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, Factice, or Skype.

Phase 1: Basic Obedience and

Phase 2: Advanced Obedience: The intent of your time working with a Program Prep Trainer was to teach you and your dog the foundational skills needed for Phases 1 and 2 of the PAWS Training Centers' program. This foundational training will help expedite your "testing out" of these initial phases.

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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.

"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 2-Weeks (\$2,750) + 5 "My Dog Ate My Homework" lessons (\$800)	\$3,550	"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 4-Weeks (\$3,500) + 5 "My Dog Ate My Homework" Lessons (\$800) + 2 "Wipe Your Paws" Facetime/Skype calls (\$240)	\$4,540	"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 4-Weeks (\$3,500) + 10 "My Dog Ate My Homework" lessons (\$1,600)	\$5,100
"My Dog Ate My Homework" - 5 Lessons (\$800) + 4 "Wipe Your Paws" Facetime/Skype calls (\$440)	\$1,240	"My Dog Ate My Homework" - 10 lessons	\$1,600	"Love Me, Love My Dog" - 1 Week (\$1,500) + "My Dog Ate My Homework" - 5 lessons (\$800)	\$2,300
<u>\$5,340</u>		<u>\$6,865</u>		<u>\$8,400</u>	

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.