



Dog Sales: Disability Skills Training

Dogs available for purchase will be tested through Phases 1-3 of our Service Dog Training Program and will also have an introduction to Phase 4: Public Access of our program. While Phase 3: Disability Skills requires that all dogs are introduced to the foundation of disability skills, Phase 4: Public Access Training requires that the dog's disability skills are both refined and can be accomplished with no coaxing in public. Expecting a young un-matured dog to complete refined disability skills in public is unrealistic and while the dog will be taught to understand disability skills at time of purchase, they will not be refined and ready-to-work in public.

Foundational Disability Skills Set

All dogs listed for sale will have the following skills taught as the foundational base of disability cues.

- "Lap" cue: Dog places its paws on your lap
- "Visit" cue: Dog places its head on your lap from either side and allows you to pet its head (not directly in front for etiquette purposes)
- "Post" or "Ground Me/Anchor" cue: Dog sits with back to handler in between knees facing forward
- "Cuddle" cue: Dog lies next to target person
- "Snuggle" cue: Dog places its paws on your lap and head on your shoulder
- Dog can perform all tasks verbally when handler is in multiple positions such as sitting on the floor, in a chair or on a bed.
- "Front" or "Block" cue: Dog positions itself in front of handler
- "Circle" cue: Dog walks circles around the handler

Scent Detection Skills Set

- Alerts to a specific scent (contained in trainer's pocket) in a private home or a distracting public environment. Live alerts (such as diabetes alert) will be trained specifically with the client after ownership transfer.

Retrieval Skills Set

- Pick-up item from ground and brings to person ("Get it" and "Give" cues)
- "Up" cue: Dog places front paws on indicated object (i.e. wall, table, store counter)
- "Lap" cue: Dog places its paws on your lap.
- "Visit" cue: Dog places its head on your lap from either side and allows you to pet its head (not directly in front for etiquette purposes)
- Combination instructions (example: "Get It", "Lap", "Give" with same object)
- Cleaning up and putting items in bins, trash, or laundry basket
- Retrieval of certain things by name



Physical or Neurological Assistance Skills Set (please see above for separate Retrieval Skill Set option as well)

*Please note that Compass Key will not train a dog for physical support skills or “tug” with heavy objects (such as manual wheelchair propulsion or a person’s body weight) within our dog sale process. Those items should only be taught to a physically matured dog and we require certified x-rays and a veterinarian’s approval after the dog is at least 2 years old to proceed with physical support skills.

- Purposefully tugs on a rope (attached to an object) on cue
- Putting items in the fridge or in cabinets
- Opening/closing doors (“push” and “close it” cues)
- “Up” cue: Dog places front paws on indicated object (i.e. wall, table, store counter)
- “Light” cue: Dog turns on/off a light switch with their nose or paw (dog will learn to differentiate)
- “Step” cue: Dog takes one step at a time on a flight of stairs

Zipper Skills Set

- Purposefully pulls on zipper attachment on cue, until completely unzipped

Medical Alert Skills Set

- “Alert” cue - Dog nudges your hand or leg (or another person’s hand or leg)

This skill set will focus on one of the following types of medical alert:

1. Sound (if a fire alarm sounds, if a doorbell rings, AND if an alarm clock goes off) - will alert client directly
2. Emergency (if client falls to the ground) - Alert strangers or find certain person in a private scenario
3. Wake-up (if an alarm sounds, if head slumps over while sitting upright, AND at 6:00pm daily) - will alert client directly
4. “Keep Watch” cue: Dog alerts handler to a person approaching from either side or behind. Alert increases as a person gets closer. If the approaching person reaches out as if to touch the dog or handler, the dog will speak.
5. “Search” cue: Dog performs a search of a specific location and barks if a human is detected.

Medical Alert Button Skills Set

Dog will press a medical alert button in the event of an emergency