



## Estimated Cost for Service Dog Training Example # 5: 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 Skills, (2) Advanced Skills, (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. Owner does not reside near any of the Compass Key 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**

Option # 1: Lessons are scheduled with either you traveling to a trainer or paying for a trainer to travel to you (see last page of FAQ for travel charges). Periodically your trainer may recommend "Virtual 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 long-term "Board & Train" program.** For one overnight stay, we typically try to schedule 2.5 hours of training on one evening and 2.5 hours the next morning (so one 5-lesson/hour program is completed during each trip). [\*Note - for purposes of this Cost Estimate, lesson prices are listed as if you are purchasing the 5-lesson package]. Typically these trips are spaced out approximately 3 - 8 weeks apart with Virtual Lessons scheduled in between.

Option # 2: Your dog could stay in long-term "Board & Train" programs with you traveling periodically to work with the trainer (for these long-term programs, we do recommend periods of time having the dog stay with you so you can build your bond and practice the skills that have been taught).



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**Phase 3: Disability Skills:** This phase is the introduction and foundation of all disability skills. (\*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.)

<p>"Board &amp; Train" - 4 Weeks (\$6,300) + 10 Private Lessons (\$1,800)</p>	<p>\$8,100</p>	<p>"Board &amp; Train" - 8 Weeks (\$12,600) + 5 Private Lessons (\$900)</p>	<p>\$13,500</p>	<p>"Board &amp; Train" - 8 Weeks (\$12,600) + 10 Private Lessons (\$1,800)</p>	<p>\$14,400</p>
<p>"Private Lessons" - 8 Lessons</p>	<p>\$1,485</p>	<p>"Board &amp; Train" - 1 Week (\$1,575) + "Private Lessons" - 5 Lessons (\$900)</p>	<p>\$2,475</p>	<p>"Board &amp; Train" - 2 Weeks (\$3,150) + "Private Lessons" - 5 Lessons (\$900)</p>	<p>\$4,050</p>
<b><u>Total Cost Range:</u></b>		<b><u>\$12,385</u></b>	<b><u>\$29,775</u></b>	<b><u>\$39,250</u></b>	

**Phase 4: Public Access:** This training is conducted in public venues and includes refinement of all disability skills in distracting environments.

\*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.). Prices are based on the **average** low, medium, and high ends of training. Lesson prices listed are based on package pricing.