



Estimated Cost for Service Dog Training Example # 4: Training on a Budget

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 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 very committed to exercising and practicing with the dog daily. **For training on a budget, the majority of training will be the client's responsibility with diligent daily practice and homework. Lessons are spaced further apart and focus more on testing through phases and coaching the client how to practice with their dog.**



Initial Consultation: This is the first step of the program. It helps us understand exactly what your wants and needs are and gives us a chance to answer any questions you may have.

Phase 1: Basic Skills: Sometimes we have clients come to us with a dog that is already well behaved and has an understanding of the majority of skills and behaviors listed within Phase 1.

Consultation \$300 "Private Lessons" - 2 Lessons \$390	Consultation \$300 "Private Lessons" - 3 Lessons \$585	Consultation \$300 "Private Lessons" - 5 Lessons \$900
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Phase 2: Advanced Skills: In addition to the phase checklist, there are also temperament tests and a skill test that dogs are required to pass for this phase.

Phase 3: Disability Skills: This phase is the introduction and foundation of all disability skills. We may recommend a "Board & Train" program so we are able to work with the dog 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 conducted in public venues and includes refinement of all disability skills in distracting environments.

"1 Group Lesson" - (\$145)	\$330	"Group Lessons" - 2 Lessons (\$290)	\$485	"Group Lessons" - 3 Lessons (\$435)	\$1,020
"1 Private Lesson" (\$195)		"1 Private Lesson" (\$195)		"Private Lessons" - 3 Lessons (\$585)	
"Private Lessons" - 3 Lessons	\$585	"Private Lessons" - 5 Lessons	\$900	"Board & Train" - 1 Week (\$1,575) + "Private Lessons" - 3 Lessons (\$585)	\$2,160
"Group Lesson" - 1 Lesson (\$145)	\$340	"Group Lessons" - 2 Lessons (\$290)	\$485	"Group Lessons" - 3 Lessons (\$435)	\$1,020
"1 Private Lesson" (\$195)		"1 Private Lesson" (\$195)		"Private Lessons" - 3 Lessons (\$585)	
Total Cost Range:		<u>\$1,945</u>		<u>\$2,755</u>	
		<u>\$2,755</u>		<u>\$5,400</u>	

*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.