

Estimated Cost for Service Dog Training Example # 1: Training a Puppy

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 and is being well-socialized with various people, animals, and places throughout each phase of training. The puppy is smart, trainable, and has a strong desire to please. The owner is well-committed to exercising and practicing with the puppy daily.



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: 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. Due to the additional work and stress associated with puppy training, many clients prefer to incorporate a "Board & Train" program.

Consultation	\$300	Consultation	\$300	Consultation	\$300
"Private Lessons" - 8 Lessons	\$1,440	"Board & Train" - 1 Week (\$2,100) + "Private Lesson" - 5 Lessons (\$900)	\$3,000	"Board & Train" - 2 Weeks (\$4,200) + "Private Lessons" - 5 Lessons (\$900)	\$5,100



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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. In most instances we will recommend a minimum of 1 week of "Board & Train" 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.

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Total Cost Range:	<u>\$7,620</u>		<u>\$14,400</u>		<u>\$24,900</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.