



SERVICE DOG TRAINING

OVERVIEW

The K9ology service dog program is a trainer-guided program in which owners learn to handle, train, and prepare their dogs for assistance work. Training includes: obedience and manners, public access skills, travel skills, and specialty tasks. We provide training for:

- Mobility Assistance
- Hearing Assistance
- Psychiatric Assistance
- Medical Alert dogs (diabetes, seizures, panic attacks)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

The program can be customized to meet the needs of your condition, household, and lifestyle. Our training consists of a *minimum* of:

- **28 Training lessons** held once a week over the course of the program
- **3 full days of training** to work in real life situations and public access skills while transitioning to full time service work
- **Certification**, which is a requirement to complete the program

PRICE BREAKDOWN

TRAINING LESSONS

The cost for the training lessons is \$8,500. Owners may pay the total sum up front or pay in two installments of \$4500. The first payment is due at the start of the program, the second payment is due 12 weeks after start date.

Any additional training sessions exceeding the initial 28 sessions are billed at \$150 per lesson. Number of lessons may vary from person to person depending on the intricacies of specialty tasks and rate of learning.

DAY TRIPS

Day trips are billed separately as they are scheduled. This includes up to 6 hours of the trainer's time and is billed at \$400 per outing. Field trips may include: shopping mall, downtown DC,

downtown Charlottesville, train ride, museum, or a flight. *The total cost for 3 day trips is \$1,200. Owners are also responsible for expenses including travel.*

CERTIFICATION

Service dog certification through K9OLOGY LLC is designed to set a standard for active working dogs in order to abide by the American's with Disabilities Act and Virginia State requirements. In order to test, dogs must have completed all 28 hours of training and minimum of 3 day trips.

Teams will be assessed based on: obedience and manners, public access skills, specialty tasks, owner handling skills, and the ability to navigate different environments. *We require a passing score of 80% or higher in order to offer certification.*

TRAINING & TASKS

Our program has a standardized format to ensure all training criteria is met; however, there is also room for personalization in order to meet the needs of the individual. As part of our program we cover:

OBEDIENCE AND MANNERS

Basic obedience skills required to control and maneuver your dog. Includes commands such as: name recognition, sit, stay, come, walking on lead, leave it, etc.

PUBLIC ACCESS SKILLS

These are skills required to navigate through everyday life. Dogs are expected to be unseen and unheard when working in public. Skills include riding elevators, escalators, public transport, manners in restaurants, crowds, and other common settings.

SPECIALTY TASKS

Every service dog owner has their own needs when it comes to assistance. Specialty tasks will be trained and selected based on an individual basis. Dogs may be trained to alert to sounds, indicate to symptoms, or provide physical assistance or balance support.