

SERVICE DOG PROGRAM

REQUIREMENTS: PROGRAM A & H



Frederick Family Dog Training LLC (known as FFDT from this point forward), DBA Service Dogs Iowa, is a private, family owned training company specializing in working dogs such as service, therapy, and emotional support. Because we are a private trainer, we issue our own Certificates and hold our standards to or above the American Kennel Club, Assistance Dogs International, APDT, and other training organizations. FFDT is an approved AKC evaluator, and we utilize the AKC Canine Good Citizen Program, as well as specialized skills/tasks in our working dog requirements and foundational skills. We also hold accreditation through the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants as an accredited dog trainer, as well as through the Animal Behavior College as a certified service dog trainer and contracted mentor trainer, We are professional members of the APDT and maintain LIMA compliance throughout our training programs and practices.

We train using "The FFDT Way", a pending trademark training method, combining canine behavior and science with human behavior and science. We practice positive reinforcement, science based training and believe in the human and canine connection.

- Basic Obedience and Foundational Skills
- FFDT Basic12 List Mastered
- AKC Home Manners or equivalent
- AKC Canine Good Citizen
- AKC Community Canine and/or Urban or equivalent
- Public Access Test, tested by FFDT
- Acceptance into FFDT Service Dog Program
- \$400 Enrollment Fee
- Service Dog Program Track Chosen: Program A or Program H
- Service Dog Agreement Signed
- Intake Appointment
- FFDT Service Dog Important Skills List
- Up-to-date on all vaccinations required by state law
- Letter from doctor on need/approval for service dog
- Dog registration if required by city/county/state
- AKC Registration if titling (see "Additional Testing Page" for more information on AKC Titling)
- Minimum age at graduation: 18 months (can begin training any age)
- Spayed/Neutered
- Task training specific to handler needs
- Minimum six lessons with FFDT trainer
- Minimum completion of one Intensives (total of 1200 minutes) within nine months of enrollment
- Minimum twelve successful documented public outings done on own (lessons not included)
- Minimum two group trains (included in enrollment)
- Demonstrated impulse control and ability to function with distractions
- Free from inappropriate reactivity, aggression, and behavior problems
- Minimum: One annual Service Dog Check-in lesson post-graduation for the successive three years

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SERVICE DOG PROGRAM A: EXAMPLE PHASES



PHASE 1

- Find/Evaluate potential service dog
- Acceptance into Program
- Enrollment/Agreement
- Intake Meeting
- FFDT must have doctors letter on file before beginning any lessons

PHASE 2

- Home Manners
- Basic Obedience
- Basic 12
- Foundational Skills

PHASE 3

- Canine Good Citizen (CGC)
- Community Canine/CGC Advanced
- CGC-Urban
- Public Access Testing
- In-person Visit and Training

PHASE 4

- Task Training, as defined by FFDT/Client
- All SD requirements met and tested
- Testing ALL SD skills
- In-person Visit and Training

PHASE 5

- Graduation
- Post-graduation annual lessons: min. 3 years post graduation (can be done virtually)

NOTES

- Phases 2-4 can be trained simultaneously if dog is mature enough and handling training well
 - Program H follows a Pay-as-you-go style schedule
 - See additional documents on Program H details
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SERVICE DOG PROGRAM A



Program or Track A is our Pay-As-You-Go Track. Program A allows you to pay for your service dog training just like it says – as you go. Program A is flexible in scheduling, and lessons are not at set intervals. The time frame for completion in Program A varies between one and four years depending on your desired scheduling and progress. Program A pays for the enrollment separately from lessons. For training, the Pay-As-You-Go Track is often paid for in sets of “FFDT Four.” Pay-As-You-Go still requires a minimum of one Intensive . Additional Group Train Days are encouraged as well as Mini Intensives. Program/Track A follows a Flexible Schedule.

BASIC OBEDIENCE	FFDT’s Basic 12 Commands, general obedience and listening skills, solid foundational skills set.
CANINE GOOD CITIZEN (ALL LEVELS)	AKC’s Canine Good Citizen program has test items that showcase a dog’s ability to be a “good citizen” while in public. There are three levels of CGC - CGC, Community Canine, and Urban Canine. The Service Dog Program tests all three. FFDT is an approved evaluator for the AKC. After passing each test, clients have the option to pursue official titling with the AKC. They will also receive an official AKC Ribbon. Lapel pins and Rosettes are available, but at an additional cost.
PUBLIC ACCESS SKILLS & TESTING	Public Access skills are seventeen skills that a service dog will undergo on a consistent basis. These skills are a step above the CGC skills, and are only required for Service Dogs. After passing the PAT, clients receive a Public Access Certified Pin from FFDT.
TASK TRAINING	Task Training is unique to each individual team, though there are some skills that are common amongst service dogs. Some dogs have many tasks, while other have just a few. Refer to your individual Task Sheet and/or the Common Tasks document for tasks.
SERVICE DOG SPECIFIC COMMANDS & SKILLS	Commands and Cues such as “Settle”, “Back-up”, “Head down”, etc. are common service dog skills that all FFDT Service Dogs learn. Refer to the Service Dog Important Skills document and Service Dog Commands list for a list of commands and skills.

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SERVICE DOG PROGRAM A



Below is a list of anticipated costs associated with Program A.

SERVICE DOG PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$400 enrollment fee• Includes the FFDT testing fees for all levels of Canine Good Citizen and the Public Access Test• One Gentle leader or Easy Walk harness• Basic vest and patches• One Dual handle leash (and belt system if applicable)
FFDT FOUR (LESSON PACK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$425 per four 60-minute lessons• Basic Obedience/Basic 12, CGC oriented, Public Skills, or Task Oriented training
INTENSIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intensive Program: \$1250• At least one intensive is required in the program.• Intensives 600• Mini and/or 360, optional but encouraged
GROUP TRAINS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least two group trains are required. These come with the enrollment.• Additional group trains are \$40/group• Group Train Punch Passes (6 groups): \$200
WORKSHOPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handler-only training• Optional, but highly recommended• Single Workshop \$15/workshop• Workshop Punch Passes (6 workshops): \$75

THE FFDT BASIC 12

BASIC OBEDIENCE SKILLS



SIT	The dog sits on bum and back legs.
COME	The dog will come to whomever called him or her.
LAY DOWN	The dog lays all the way down with legs and belly on the ground. This can be at a square slay down or a settle.
STAY	The dog stays in the exact location the owner places it in. The dog does not release until told.
WAIT	The do can have it, do it, or go there – just not yet. The dog utilizes self regulation skills and waits for futher instructions.
LOOK	The dog focuses and looks at owner, waiting for further instructions.
GO TO BED/SPOT/PLACE	The dog goes to the designated location willingly and waits there until further instructions.
LEAVE IT	The dog does not have access to it – ever.
DROP IT	The dog releases/drops whatever is in it's mouth.
OFF	4 Paw Rule: All four paws come to the ground. The dog gets off of whatever it iwas on.
LOOSE LEASH WALKING	The dog walks at a relative heel/side position with a nice “J” shape in the leash. The dog does not try to pull.
SOCIALIZATION	Socialization is the environment as a whole: dogs, people, sounds, critters, smells, sights, experiences, etc.

AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB



SITTING POLITELY FOR PETTING	The dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation.
ACCEPTING A FRIENDLY STRANGER	The dog will allow a friendly stranger to pet it while it is out with its handler.
APPEARANCE AND GROOMING	The dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit someone, such as a veterinarian, groomer or friend of the owner, to do so.
OUT FOR A WALK/WALKING ON A LOOSE LEAD	The handler/dog team will take a short "walk" to show that the dog is in control while walking on a leash.
WALKING THROUGH A CROWD	The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several people (at least three) to demonstrate that the dog can move about politely in pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places.
SIT & DOWN ON COMMAND WITH STAYING IN PLACE	The dog will respond to the handler's commands to 1) sit, 2) down and will 3) remain in the place commanded by the handler (sit or down position, whichever the handler prefers). (20 foot lead)
COMING WHEN CALLED	The dog will come when called by the handler. The handler will walk 10 feet from the dog, turn to face the dog, and call the dog. (minimum 10 feet)
REACTION TO ANOTHER DOG	To demonstrate that the dog can behave politely around other dogs, two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 20 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on for about 10 feet.
REACTION TO DISTRACTION	To demonstrate the dog is confident when faced with common distracting situations, the evaluator will select and present two distractions. Examples of distractions include dropping a chair, rolling a crate dolly past the dog, having a jogger run in front of the dog, or dropping a crutch or cane.
SUPERVISED SEPARATION	This test demonstrates that a dog can be left with a trusted person, if necessary, and will maintain training and good manners. Evaluators are encouraged to say something like, "Would you like me to watch your dog?" and then take hold of the dog's leash. The owner will go out of sight for three minutes.

ADDITIONAL TESTING INFO

SERVICE DOG PROGRAM A & B



As described above, Service Dogs within the Frederick Family Dog Training LLC's Service Dog Program undergo many tests on their journey to becoming a service dog.

More details on the AKC's Community Canine and Urban test can be found on our website, on the official AKC website, but will be given to you upon enrollment in the program

The Public Access Test issued by Frederick Family Dog Training LLC is a test of seventeen essential skills for a service dog in public. This list, as well as an extensive description of each test item will be given to you once in the program.

Task descriptions will be defined and found within the client's intake paperwork, and discussed in detail at the intake meeting, as well as throughout the journey

The reason we do not provide you with the details of the above right away is only to help with information overwhelm. We are an open book about all testing items, techniques and methods of training, and everything related to our service dog program; however, we know that the information can be overwhelming. Rest assured, we are with you every step of the way, and it is our goal to make the process as seamless and simple as possible.

Other titles and testing options available as a fun and enriching activity for dog and owner are AKC Trick Dog Novice-Performer, AKC Virtual Home Manners, AKC Fit Dog, and AKC Fetch. These are all optional, yet a fun and engaging bonding opportunity with dog and owner.

*AKC Registration is required if you want your dog to be on record with the American Kennel Club with their CGC titles. FFDT does not require the dog to have official CGC titles, but it is highly recommended. The AKC has their own fees for official titling.

FREDERICK FAMILY DOG TRAINING LLC LESSON DESCRIPTIONS AND COSTS

UPDATED JANUARY 2025



Below is a list of all service and lesson descriptions and costs of Frederick Family Dog Training LLC. All lessons, Intensives, and group train options are valid for one calendar year from Month of purchase to the following year, same month.

Consultation - \$40	For non-working dog potentials (general clients), a consultation is required to obtain baselines, goals, etc.
FFDT Four - \$425	A set of four lessons of any kind.
Evaluation - \$80	All dogs must undergo an evaluation to be accepted into our Service Dog or Therapy Dog Program.
Service Dog Enrollment - \$400	Enrollment into our Service Dog Program, covering cost of basic gear/equipment, testing fees, and two required group trains.
Therapy Dog Enrollment - \$200	Enrollment into our Therapy Dog Program, covering cost of basic gear/equipment, testing fees, and two required group trains. Service dogs do have the option to dual enroll. Talk to FFDT directly about this option
Group Punch Pass - \$200	A punch pass of six group trains.
Workshop Punch Pass - \$75	A punch pass of six workshops.
Intensives - \$1250	The Intensive Program is a lot of training, packed into a shorter amount of time. Intensives Program: 2 hrs/5 days in a row: \$1250 Other Intensives available: Mini Intensives: 1 hr/5 days OR 1.5 hr/5 days; Intensive360: 360 minutes split between three consecutive days. Contact FFDT directly for pricing. Please note: The Service Dog Program requires the full Intensives; the Mini and 360 do not count towards the program, though they are beneficial.
Single Lesson - \$140 Single Group Train - \$40 Single Workshop - \$15	A single lesson of any kind. A single drop in group train. A single workshop.