

# D\%g Trainer College 

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## INTRODUCTION

## History

The Dog Trainer College is under the auspices of Conifer Canine LLC, a professional and premier dog training venue. Conifer Canine LLC was established in 2008 as a leading dog training facility in Indiana. Conifer Canine LLC is recognized by the State of Indiana, the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, and the International Association of Canine Professionals.

## Instructors

Courses at the Dog Trainer College are taught by our Training Director and Lead Instructor, Tim Miller, CMDT. As a Master Trainer, he is certified in many fields, including Basic and Advanced Obedience, Protection Dog Trainer, K9 Instructor, including detection dog training, SAR, HRD, and a certified Service Dog Trainer. Tim has officially been training dogs since 1992 and has logged thousands of hours in Instructing others as well as training K9s. His passion is working dogs. His love for dogs and their training has been a lifelong mission. Tim is a member of the International Association of Canine Professionals, Dogs for Law Enforcement, the RSV2000, and the American Police Canine Association.


Tim Miller

Melody Miller, CMDT, has been training dogs for over 13 years. She has worked with pets, police dogs, service dogs, detection work, and more. We welcome her knowledge and experience.


Melody Miller (and Malu)
Moriah Hatfield, CMDT, has been training dogs for over 13 years. She has trained police dogs, detection dogs, and more. She has a special niche for working with dogs who exhibit problem behaviors.


Moriah Hatfield (and DiOGi)

## Accreditation

The Dog Trainer College has been reviewed by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and has been declared exempt from regulation by the Office for Career and Technical Schools under Indiana code 22-4.121. Frankly, the State said our programs are so unique that they do not know how to regulate us. Go figure!

## Comprehensive Programs

The Dog Trainer College's comprehensive programs instruct the skills that the student will need to know to become a professional dog trainer. Our programs use innovative training methods, employ humane means, and will be resourceful to the beginning trainer as well as enhance a current career.

One of the valuable strengths of the Dog Trainer College is that the student receives the opportunity to view a premier facility in its day-to-day operation. Additionally, the College cooperates with local Shelters by bettering a dog's chances of being adopted.

## Mission Statement

Our goal is produce professional canine trainers of the highest quality through an excellent education and practical experience.

## ENROLLMENT and ATTENDANCE

## Applying for Admission

Application requirements to any of our courses are:

1) Must be at least 18 years of age.
2) Must complete an application form. Applicants may be rejected if the application is found to be misrepresentative of the applicant, or contains false information, or if any information on the application is incomplete.
3) Proof of high school graduation, such as high school diploma or a General Equivalency Diploma (GED).
4) Must be able to communicate in the English language.

Contact us for an application or apply online. Applications for both enrollment and financial aid must be received in our office no later than two weeks before the start date of the semester applying for.

## Non-Discrimination Policy

The Dog Trainer College does not discriminate, in its application and educational process, against any individual on the ground of race, color, national origin, handicap, sex, or age.

## Semester Dates

Due to varying start dates, DTC operates on the following enrollment dates: Any course starting in March - June is considered the Spring semester. Any course starting in July - September is considered the Summer semester. The Fall semester is from October - December. Applications are due in our office two weeks prior to the start date of the course applied for.

## Payment for Courses

Students are required to make a payment towards their tuition on the first day of class. The balance of tuition can be made in payments every three weeks until paid in full. Tuition must be paid in full prior to graduation unless other financial aid arrangements have been made. Payments can be made by check, cash, Mastercard, Visa,

Discover, American Express and PayPal. Payment shall be in US Dollars.

## Refunds

Refund of the application deposit will be made only in the event an application is rejected.

If a student terminates an application prior to the commencement of the course, the student will receive a refund of all tuition monies paid, minus the application deposit, and any housing fees.

A student is eligible for a $100 \%$ refund if the class(es) in which the student is officially registered is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.

Students who elect to withdraw from a course or are dismissed from a course will be refunded on a daily prorated basis of tuition, excluding housing and application deposit, plus a $\$ 50$ withdrawal fee.

There are no refunds or credits for late attendance, and/or missed classes, and these will negatively affect the student's grade. Additionally, students will be responsible for all make-up work.


## Tuition and fees

## Tuition is:

Obedience and Behavior Course

$\$ 4900$ - 6 week course; online $\$ 3000$

## Protection Dog Trainer Course

$\$ 5300$ - 6 week course

## Detection Dog Trainer Course

\$3800-4 week course

## Cadaver Detection Trainer Course

$\$ 4900$ - 6 week course; online $\$ 3000$

## Police K9 Instructor Course

$\$ 5700$ - 6 week course; online $\$ 3500$

## Service Dog Trainer Course

\$10,500 - 12 week course; online $\$ 3000$

## Master Trainer Course

\$15,900 - 20 week course; online \$9,995
Application fee: a non-refundable $\$ 200$ registration fee is required to reserve placement in a course and is due no later than two weeks prior to the program. When the student arrives for class, the application fee is placed towards the tuition. Upon acceptance of enrollment, the applicant's place will be reserved in the course/dates specified on the application. If the applicant is not able to attend the course during the semester reserved, the deposit will not be refunded. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

Fee schedule is as follows: each course has a base price which includes course materials, tuition, and application deposit. Books used during the course will remain the property of the Dog Trainer College. Students will be responsible for the replacement costs of any unreturned or damaged materials. Certificates will not be awarded to students that have an outstanding balance for book or equipment replacement costs. Books and other educational items may be available for optional student purchase, the aforementioned not included in the tuition.

## Veterans Affairs Education Benefits

We no longer accept payments via the GI Bill. This is due to the crass incompetence of the VA; Veterans understand what we're talking about here :) We apologize for this inconvenience, since you won't get one from the VA.

## Tools and Equipment

Students will be provided basic tools and equipment for use during the course. Students will be responsible for replacement cost of tools and equipment that is lost, damaged, or stolen.

## Student Dogs

Students are permitted to bring up to two dogs of their own with them during a course. Student dogs must be current on shots, wormfree, and must be under control of the student at all times. Students will be responsible for the actions of their dogs, and damages to property, other dogs or humans while on the campus or other activities sanctioned by Conifer Canine LLC and/or the Dog Trainer

College. Those who elect not to bring their own dogs will be given opportunity to train with dogs that are on hand at the College.

## Graduation Documents

Conifer Canine LLC awards certificates upon successful completion ( $80 \%$ or above) of our courses. Those graduating with $97 \%$ or higher will receive Honor status. Those graduating with $94 \%$ - $96 \%$ will receive Merit status. Certificates will not be awarded until tuition and housing is paid in full. Students will be responsible for the replacement costs of any unreturned or damaged materials. Certificates will not be awarded to students that have an outstanding balance for book or equipment replacement costs.

## Transfer Credits

The College may consider transfer credits from outside dog training programs, including military canine training. Written, verbal, and/or practical testing may be required to receive a transfer of credits. Enrollees must provide written documentation of previous training. However, due to the unique nature of our programs, the Dog Trainer College may elect not to recognize or credit any transferred programs from other educational facilities or institutions and the amount of credit given rests solely at the discretion of the Dog Trainer College.

## Standards of Progress

Due to the professional nature of our canine training courses and the needs of the graduate's future clientele, student grades are
geared towards the client's point of view. For example,

- Does this trainer possess sufficient knowledge to effectively train my dog?
- Can I depend upon him/her to meet me at an appointed time?
- What is this trainer's attitude towards me and my dog?
Therefore, grading is based upon the student's test results, attendance, promptness, enthusiasm, participation, assignment completion, willingness to learn (teachability), as well as the attitude towards both staff and canines, and the hands-on practical testing of training a dog. Tardiness and missed classes will negatively affect the student's grade.

Students graduating with a $97 \%$ or higher will graduate with Honors. Those graduating with a $93 \%-96 \%$ will graduate with Merit. All grade reports will be given near the end of the course.

## Graduation Requirements

Students must meet an overall grade of $80 \%$ to pass the course and receive certification. Students who do not pass the course will not receive their certificate and must reapply to the school and retake the course with a passing grade to receive a certificate.

Students who are failing a course may continue the course and receive a Certificate of Attendance as long as the minimum attendance requirements are met.

Any student who is absent from class for a total of $10 \%$ or more of the total hours of the course shall be considered unsatisfactory in
attendance and be grounds for failure in the course.

## Student Records

After successful completion of a certificate program, students will receive a copy of their grades and certificate as long as their account is paid in full. Student records are kept in file by the College. Additional transcripts can be obtained by submitting a written request and paying a cost of $\$ 25.00$.

## Incompletes

Students who do not fulfill the requirements of a course will be given an incomplete. A grade may replace an incomplete if the student successfully completes the unfinished work by Thanksgiving of that same year.

## Withdrawal

If students withdraw from a course, the student must adhere to the following procedures:

- Submit a formal notice of withdrawal in writing to the college Director.
- Review the Refund Policy. There is a $\$ 50$ withdrawal fee.

Students who elect to withdraw from a course or are dismissed from a course will be refunded on a daily prorated basis of tuition, excluding housing, application deposit, all merchant fees from credit/debit card, and equipment purchases, plus a $\$ 50$ withdrawal fee. Housing arrangements will remain the responsibility of the student.

## Inherent Risks

In applying for enrollment in the Conifer Canine Dog Trainer College, the applicant must understand that this type of training can be both mentally and physically intensive and demanding. The applicant should be confident in his/her mental and physical condition to attend the course in which he/she has applied for and understand that if he/she is not physically able to perform the tasks that are required to complete the course, this may affect his/her overall grade, may hinder his/her ability to complete the course, and may receive injury during training.

## Physical Requirements

A student enrolling in our courses must be able to, and hereby agrees that he or she can:
-Attach and detach animal training collars and leashes.
-Grasp and hold a leash, controlling small, medium and large dogs.
-Be able to reach above and below shoulder height with both hands.
-Be outdoors in various weather conditions.
-Operate at brisk pace.
-Lift up to 40 lbs .
-Carry up to 20 lbs.
-Physically restrain large dogs.
-Hear normal conversation up to 100 feet away and in close proximity to others. Have sufficient eyesight to read notes and use equipment common to dog training.
-Students in courses that include decoy/helper skills must be able to take bites from a dog in various settings.

## Dress Code policy

Students are encouraged to wear clothing that does not confine movement yet is not so loose it could get caught in gates or easily grabbed by a dog. Wear safe, non-slip shoes and keep them tied. Utilize good judgment and common sense, especially in regards to weather. We do work dogs in nearly all weather conditions.

## Liability

Students will hold Conifer Canine LLC not liable for any injury, or expenses as a result of injury, while performing tasks as a student in the Dog Trainer College. This includes the student, the dogs they train as students, and any dogs students may bring with them to the College.

## Video and Photography policy

Applicants and students will consent and agree that Conifer Canine LLC, its employees or agents have the right to take photograph, videotape, or digital recordings of me and to use it in all media exclusively for the purpose of supporting and promoting the mission of Conifer Canine LLC. Students must further consent that his/her name and identity may be released therein or descriptive text or commentary and release to Conifer Canine LLC, its agents, and employees all right to exhibit this work in print and electronic form publicly or privately and to market my identity or likeness in whatever media used. It is to be
understood that there will be no financial or other remuneration for recording me, either for initial or subsequent transmission or playback. They further agree that such photographs or video footage may be used for educational and marketing purposes in Conifer Canine LLC promotional video materials and or third party use by funder or prospective funder. They also understand that Conifer Canine LLC is not responsible for any expense or liability incurred as a result of their participation in this recording, including medical expenses due to any sickness or injury incurred as result.

## English Language Proficiency

All instruction at the Dog Trainer College is conducted in English. No English language test is administered. By applying to the College, the applicant agrees that he or she is able to communicate in English. Conifer Canine's Dog Trainer College does not provide language learning services.

## Training Conditions

The nature of canine training is largely done outdoors, therefore our students are encouraged to dress accordingly. Our summers are hot and humid, winters are usually mild however some days/weeks can be cold, snowy, and windy. We do occasionally cancel class due to weather conditions, in which event all book work, homework, and tests must be maintained.

## Revisions

At its discretion, the college reserves the right to revise all terms, provisions, policies, requirements, and procedures contained in
this catalog. Each student will be bound by and must comply with all terms, provisions, policies, requirements, and procedures contained in this catalog.

## STUDENT CODE of CONDUCT

Students understand that during their attendance at the Conifer Canine Dog Trainer College, they will be held to the Students Code of Conduct and will be solely responsible for their actions and the actions of any personal dogs that may accompany them during the Course. They also understand that if they do not adhere to this Code of Conduct that disciplinary actions including suspension and/or dismissal may be administered. Cause for suspension and/or dismissal rests solely at the discretion of the Dog Trainer College. Negativity and/or harassment will not be tolerated.

For the health of our students, staff, clients, guests, and dogs, the College is a smoke-free, vape-free, drug-free, and alcohol-free environment.

Students are responsible for the behavior of the dogs brought with them to the College.

Violation of the Code of Conduct will be at the sole discretion of college officials.

## Discipline and/or Dismissal

Grounds for discipline and/or dismissal include, but are not limited to, toxic attitudes, drug use or possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia, alcohol use, smoking, vaping, abuse towards staff, students, animals, and/or property, jeopardizing the safety of self or others, sexual harassment, acts of dishonesty, plagiarism, or other derogatory behavior
deemed inappropriate by the staff. Discipline, suspension, and/or dismissal rests solely at the discretion of the Dog Trainer College

## Class Schedule

The Dog Trainer College has 3 semesters per year. Each semester begins the first Monday of March, July, and October. Each course offered can run concurrently with other courses. The ending dates will depend upon the length of the course chosen. Please note that the Master Trainer and Service Dog Trainer courses are only offered in the Spring and Summer semesters.

Holidays in which class does not meet are New Year's Day, M.L.K Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Classes meet on Monday - Friday at 9am and dismiss around 4 pm (give or take, depending upon class size, weather, number of dogs to train, etc) with an hour break for lunch from 12-1. While attempts will be made to maintain this schedule, please note that these times are approximate, given the nature of working with livestock, working outdoors in many kinds of weather, training appointments, veterinary emergencies, and/or other contingencies.

## Course Selection

These engaging dog trainer courses are broad and thorough in their respective fields of study. They have been purposefully developed to engage and equip the student to train dogs on a professional level. The
successful student will rank with some of the highest performance standards in the industry. The student will discover many things about the canine world in his/her quest to become a professional dog trainer. The courses are designed to furnish the student with a variety of methods and techniques to achieve proficient training goals.

There are classroom lectures and discussions, hands-on experience in the field, and testing in the areas of training theory as well practical experience.

## Canine Obedience and Behavior Course

This is an intense, multi-faceted six-week course including cutting-edge, up-to-date methods and techniques in working with a variety of dogs, different types of canine aggressions, puppy development, housetraining, proper socialization, marketing, web design, first aid, kennel management. The student will dig into the dog's mind and see what makes him tick. This stimulating course is designed for those who are considering their own dog related business or expanding one they already own.

Alumni are prepared to "hit the ground running" upon graduation.

Six week course is $\$ 4900$ and covers course materials, tuition, and application deposit. A $\$ 200$ non-refundable deposit is required to reserve placement in the course.

The online option will include the same information.

## Obedience Course Outline

## Training Fundamentals

Conditioning
Phases of Training
Correction vs. Reward

## Basic Obedience

On/Off Leash
Proper use of a Prong collar
Proper use of a Remote collar
Clicker Training
Baiting/Luring

## Canine Development

Puppies
Housetraining
Socialization
Canine Anatomy
Breed Awareness

## Canine Behavior



Analysis
Problem Prevention
Treatment
Breed Awareness
Dog-to-Human Aggression
Dog-to-Dog Aggression
Canine Communication

## Canine Health

Nutrition
Canine CPR
Canine First Aid
Kennel Management

## Business Integration

Website construction
Search Engine Optimization
Social Media
Advertising and Marketing

## Final Exam and Certification

## Protection Dog Trainer course

This in-depth six-week course includes the Canine Behavior/Obedience Course as well at other sills needed to properly and effectively train personal protection dogs.

Six week course is $\$ 5300$ and covers course materials, tuition, and application deposit. A $\$ 200$ non-refundable deposit is required to reserve placement in the course.


Protection Course Outline

## Selection of Protection Prospects

Puppy
Adult

## Drive Development

Puppy
Prey
Defense
Hunting Ability

## Protection Equipment

Bite Sleeves
Bite Suit
Remote Collar

## Decoying Techniques

Proper Handling Techniques
Agitation
Working the Grip
Target Biting
Channeling Drives
Training Fundamentals
Conditioning
Phases of Training
Correction vs. Reward

## Basic Obedience

On/Off Leash
Proper use of a Prong collar
Proper use of a Remote collar
Clicker Training
Baiting/Luring

## Canine Development

Puppies
Housetraining
Socialization

## Canine Behavior

Analysis
Prevention
Treatment
Breed Awareness
Canine Health
Nutrition
Canine CPR

Canine First Aid
Kennel Management

## Business Integration

Website construction
Search Engine Optimization
Social Media
Advertising and Marketing

## Final Exam and Certification

## Scent Detection Course

This comprehensive course teaches proper handling skills, scent imprinting, detection prospects, first aid, problem solving, case law, and more. Choose a Major in either narcotics or explosives detection. There is an emphasis on real-life situations, vehicle searches, building searches, etc. Alumni will be prepared to train from puppy to finished product.

Four week course is $\$ 3800$.
Tuition includes course materials. A $\$ 200$ non-refundable deposit is required to reserve placement in the course.

Scent Detection Course Outline


Selection of Detection Dogs
Puppy
Adult
Basic Obedience

On/Off Leash
Proper Use of Remote Collar
Proper Use of Prong Collar

## Drive Development

Puppy development
Prey Drive
Hunting Ability

## Training Equipment

Detection training aids
Handling of training aids

## Scent Theory

Canine Olfactory system
Scent Cone

## Training the Search

Imprinting Target Odor
Simple Direct Association
Deferred Response
Other Detection Training Methods
Search Methods
Vehicle Searches
Building Searches
Teaching the Alert
Problem Solving
Proofing

## Other Instructions

Handler operations
Canine First Aid
Case Law

## Final Exam and Certification

## Cadaver Detection Course

This course teaches the selection of prospective HRD dogs, proper imprinting, scent theory, the olfactory system, alerting, proofing, obedience at a distance from the
handler, problem recognition and solving, land and water theory, search methods, record keeping, with an emphasis on real-life situations. This thought-provoking course provides a very thorough and concrete foundation for furthering experience in cadaver detection.

Six week course is $\$ 4900$ and covers course materials and tuition. A $\$ 200$ non-refundable deposit is required to reserve placement in the course.

The online option will include the same information.


Cadaver Course Outline
Selecting prospects for HRD dogs

## Drive Development

Training Equipment
Training Aids
Scent Articles
Proper Handling of Training Aids

## Teaching Practical Agility

Confidence Development

Scent Theory<br>Scent Cones and Pools<br>Varied Terrain \& Conditions

Basic and Advanced Obedience
On and Off Leash
Directions at a Distance

## Training Human Remains Detection

Basic Human Decomposition
Imprinting
Search Methods
Teaching the Alert
Proofing
Problem Solving
Land Cadaver Dogs
Water Cadaver Dogs
HRD Operations
Canine First Aid
Cadaver Case Law
Maintaining Cadaver Dogs
Final Exam and Certification

## Police K9 Instructor Course

This course includes basic, advanced, and tactical obedience, tactical insertions, report writing, case law - especially in respect of the Fourth Amendment, familiarization of training equipment, record keeping, mantrailing, explosives and narcotics detection, bitework, proper decoy work, selecting the K9 prospect, drive development, first aid, with an emphasis on real-life scenario training. Graduates will receive inclusive knowledge necessary in providing reliable service to K9 teams.

This six-week course is $\$ 5700$ and covers course materials and tuition. A $\$ 200$ non-
refundable deposit is required to reserve placement in the course.

The online option will include the same information.

## Course Outline

## Obedience

On/Off Leash
Proper use of a Prong collar
Proper use of a Remote collar
Tactical obedience
Canine Health
Nutrition
Canine CPR
Canine First Aid
Kennel Management
Teaching Practical Agility
Confidence Development

## Scent Theory

The Trailing Dog
Narcotics and Explosives Detection

## Selection of K9s

Puppy
Adult
Testing necessary drives

## Drive Development

Puppy development
Prey Drive
Defense Drive
Hunting Ability
Training the Search (Narcotics \&
Explosives)
Imprinting Target Odor
Simple Direct Association
Deferred Response
Other Detection Training Methods

Training the Search (Narcotics \&
Explosives)
Imprinting Target Odor
Simple Direct Association

Other Detection Training Methods

Search Methods
Vehicle Searches
Building Searches
Teaching the Alert
Problem Solving
Proofing

## Protection Equipment

Bite Sleeves
Bite Suit
Muzzle

## Decoying Techniques

Proper Handling Techniques
Agitation
Working the Grip
Target Biting
Channeling Drives
The Trailing Dog
Scent Theory
Variable Surface Trailing
Scent Discrimination Trailing
The Bark Alert
Problem Solving
Patrol Containment Techniques

## Criminal Apprehension

Building Searches
Open Area Searches
K9 Swat Integration
Problem Solving

## Police K9

Case law
Tactical Insertions
Search \& Seizure
Real-life Scenario training
Final Exam and Certification


## Master Trainer Course

The Master Trainer comprehensive course is designed for those who wish to provide a variety of services in canine training. It gives a thorough and informative experience in Obedience, Protection, Scent Detection, Human Remains Detection, Service Dog training, man-trailing, and Police K9 work. Please note that the Master Trainer Course is only offered in the Spring and Summer semesters.

This twenty-week course is $\$ 15,900$ and covers course materials, tuition, and application deposit. A $\$ 200$ non-refundable deposit is required to reserve placement in the course.

The online option will include the same information.

## Master Trainer Course Outline

## Training Fundamentals

Conditioning
Phases of Training
Correction vs. Reward

## Basic Obedience

On/Off Leash
Proper use of a Prong collar
Proper use of a Remote collar
Clicker Training

| Baiting/Luring | Imprinting |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Search Methods |
| Canine Development | Teaching the Alert |
| Puppies | Proofing |
| Housetraining | Problem Solving |
| Socialization | Land Cadaver Dogs |
| Canine Anatomy | Water Cadaver Dogs |
| Canine Behavior | HRD Operations |
| Analysis | Cadaver Case Law |
| Prevention | Maintaining Cadaver Dogs |
| Treatment | Record Keeping |
| Breed Awareness |  |
| Dog-to-Human Aggression | Selection of Detection Dogs |
| Dog-to-Dog Aggression | Puppy |
| Canine Communication | Adult |
| Canine Health | Drive Development |
| Nutrition | Puppy development |
| Canine CPR | Prey Drive |
| Canine First Aid | Hunting Ability |
| Kennel Management | Training the Search |
| Business Integration | Imprinting Target Odor |
| Website construction | Simple Direct Association |
| Search Engine Optimization | Deferred Response |
| Social Media | Other Detection Training Methods |
| Advertising and Marketing | Search Methods |
|  | Vehicle Searches |
| Selecting prospects for SAR | Building Searches |
| SAR Drive Development | Teaching the Alert |
|  | Problem Solving |
| SAR Training Equipment | Proofing |
| Teaching Practical Agility | Selection of Protection Prospects |
| Confidence Development | Puppy |
|  | Adult |
| The Trailing Dog | Testing necessary drives |
| Narcotics and Explosives Detection | Protection Dog Drive Development |
| Training Human Remains Detection | Puppy |
| Basic Human Decomposition | Prey <br> Defense |

Hunting Ability

## Protection Equipment

Bite Sleeves
Bite Suit
Remote Collar
Decoying Techniques
Proper Handling Techniques
Agitation
Working the Grip
Target Biting
Channeling Drives
Police K9
Prospects
Case law
Tactical Insertions
Search \& Seizure
Real-life Scenario training
The Trailing Dog
Scent Theory
Variable Surface Trailing
Scent Discrimination Trailing
The Bark Alert
Problem Solving
Patrol Containment Techniques
Criminal Apprehension
Building Searches
Open Area Searches
K9 Swat Integration
Problem Solving
Introduction to Service Dogs

Selection of Service Dogs
Puppy
Adult

Service Dog Equipment

## Working with Disabled Handlers

Delivering the Service Dog
Handler \& Family Training
The Trailing Dog
Scent Theory
Variable Surface Trailing
Scent Discrimination Trailing
Problem Solving

Americans with Disabilities Act
Public Access
Interrogations
Travel

Service Dogs
Puppy Program
Signal Dogs
Mobility Dogs
Autism Assistance
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder assistance
Traumatic Brain Injury assistance
Military Sexual Trauma assistance
Seizure alert and assistance

## Environmental Stability

Puppy Conditioning
Public Settings
Schools \& Therapy

Final Exam and Certification


Service Dog Trainer Course
This course includes the Obedience and Behavior course, methods of selecting and training service dogs, familiarity with the ADA, practical emphasis upon public access, training various kinds of service dogs in a wide range of assistance tasks, operation of service dog equipment, working with disabled clients, interviewing prospective clients and the delivery of the service dog to its new home. Please note that the Service Dog Trainer Course is only offered in the Spring and Summer semesters.

This twelve-week course is $\$ 10,500$ and covers course materials, tuition, and application deposit. A $\$ 200$ non-refundable deposit is required to reserve placement in the course.

The online option will include the same information.

Service Dog Trainer Course Outline

## Training Fundamentals

Conditioning
Phases of Training
Correction vs. Reward

## Obedience Training

Basic and Advanced
Correct use of a Prong collar
Correct use of a Remote collar
Clicker Training
Baiting/Luring

## Canine Development

Puppies
Housetraining

Socialization
Canine Anatomy

## Canine Behavior

Analysis
Prevention
Treatment
Breed Awareness
Dog-to-Human Aggression
Dog-to-Dog Aggression
Canine Communication

## Canine Health

Nutrition
Canine CPR
Canine First Aid
Kennel Management

## Business Integration

Website construction
Search Engine Optimization
Social Media
Advertising and Marketing
Introduction to Service Dogs

## Selection of Service Dogs

Puppy
Adult

## Service Dog Equipment

## Working with Disabled Handlers

Delivering the Service Dog
Handler \& Family Training
The Trailing Dog
Scent Theory
Variable Surface Trailing
Scent Discrimination Trailing
Problem Solving

Americans with Disabilities Act<br>Public Access<br>Interrogations<br>Travel

## Service Dogs

Puppy Program
Signal Dogs
Mobility Dogs
Autism Assistance
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder assistance
Traumatic Brain Injury assistance
Military Sexual Trauma assistance
Seizure alert and assistance

## Environmental Stability

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## Information

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