

Considerations for training your dog to become an Assistance Dog

<p>There are no quick methods to train your dog</p>	<p>We treat dogs as though they are sentient beings, and they have the right to say no. Training is conducted at the dog's pace to avoid undue stress and unnecessary applications of harsh training methodologies.</p>
<p>Training an assistance dog slowly equates to fast.</p>	<p>When training at your dog's pace, you avoid having to undo unwanted behaviours or taking rest bites due to stress. Avoiding burnout in your dog is just as important as avoiding burnout in you.</p>
<p>Management</p>	<p>90% of puppy training is management. Management protects your puppy from developing unwanted skills that then need to be rectified.</p>
<p>What will occur if your dog doesn't make the grade?</p>	<p>As some dogs do not qualify as assistance dogs, it is worth having a backup plan, just in case your dog doesn't cope with the work or make the required standards. Will you still keep him? Re-home him? Try again with a different dog. These are all questions worth considering before you embark on this journey.</p>
<p>How will you fund your training?</p>	<p>As we are a private enterprise, our services are paid for by the client. Therefore, please consider our fees carefully before you decide to work with us.</p>
<p>How will you continue to train your dog if you are sick?</p>	<p>Continuity in your program is important, so it is worth devising a plan on how you will continue your dog's education in the event of sickness or injury.</p>
<p>Can you opt out of training if you sign up with our services?</p>	<p>Yes, even though you sign an agreement, you have the right to cancel the arrangement at any time. Likewise, we reserve the right to discontinue our services at our discretion</p>
<p>An assistance dog is specifically for individuals with disabilities who require a dog to help mitigate the effects of their disability.</p>	<p>To meet this definition, your dog must be trained to perform three specific tasks that directly address your needs.</p>