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Training Your Own Service Dog: Step By Step Instructions With 30 Day Intensive Training Program To Get You Started



Synopsis

(For Important Information, Please Read The Entire Description) Many people cannot afford the cost nor abide the long waiting lists to acquire a trained Service Dog from an organization and so are opting to train their own. I believe that everyone who needs (and wants) a Service Dog should be able to have one, so I'm retiring from my Service Dog Training Coach business to focus on consolidating my lifetime of training experience into books (as well as dedicating time to answer questions for my readers, on the phone or via Skype as well as on the Facebook Group (facebook.com/groups/180613442286351/) all of which will be available for as long as my health permits, in case you have a training question that the book didn't answer). If you are training your own Service Dog, this book will help guide you through the process. It starts with the basics, creating a firm foundation to build upon for any type of Service Dog that you may be training. When you finish the 30 Day Intensive Training Program included in this book, your dog will have several foundation behaviors that he'll need to do his Work as a Service Dog, as well as one Task that can be customized to the individual for a number of types of disabilities. Your dog will learn to have good manners in public, and also to conduct himself in a way that will allow him to keep his attention on his Service Dog Work. I'll show you how to teach your dog to help you deal with your life challenges, and with this method of training, he will "learn how to learn," which will make your job of continuing his training even easier! This is the Facebook group that I mentor in order to provide additional support for readers of my books: Please join us there! :) facebook.com/groups/180613442286351/

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Training Your Own Service Dog: Step By Step Instructions With 30 Day Intensive Training Program To Get You Started is, per the author, a crash course in the foundation behaviors necessary to begin public access work and task training with your Service Dog candidate. The book recommends clicker training and provides reasonably detailed guides on training some key obedience behaviors, public access skills, and a couple of common tasks. It also provides some educational material on "Some Things to Know," which includes things like: What is a Service Dog? What does a Service Dog do? The difference between work and tasks ID and certifications Basic overview of Service Dog laws and access rights Possible tasks and/or work for various disabilities Choosing a suitable candidate Do's and Don'ts of Public Access Basic training terminology

The author, who self-identifies as "Lelah Sullivan, AKA Shana Cohen," dedicates the book and the training program within to her Uncle Joseph, whom she credits with introducing her to dog training decades ago. Some of her family members raised and trained dogs for the circus. Eventually, her Uncle Joseph began breeding dogs with the intent of producing more dogs like "Pup," who was a very special, highly interactive, stable dog with incredible working ability. Even though the author cites herself as having been exposed to a Service Dog as a child, she notes she didn't really have any reason to think about them until she herself acquired a disability. She put her lifetime of dog training experience to work owner-training her own Service Dog, and decided to share her way of doing things with the owner-trainer world. In a nutshell, Training Your Own Service Dog: Step By Step Instructions offers a very basic introduction to dog training and to teaching some basic behaviors like offering eye contact, nose targeting, place training, sit, down, and under. It recommends "Leashing," or tethering the dog to you so the dog is never more than a few feet away at any given point in time during the initial training and bonding process, and the book advocates utilizing many super short sessions per day over one long one. Later on in the 30 Day Intensive Training process, foundational retrieve behaviors are covered,

along with basic heeling exercises and some public access skills. I liked the systematic and step by step way Training Your Own Service Dog: Step By Step Instructions With 30 Day Intensive Training Program To Get You Started covered important skills and behaviors. The book offers lots of details that are easy for people with little to no training background to overlook, and it repeats things frequently in a way that makes them easily stick. The author also offers a free coaching session with the purchase of the book so she can answer any training question that might come up that the book didn't answer. That was quite generous of her! We didn't take advantage of her offer, so we can't tell you anything about responsiveness or quality of the support. I did not like how basic the book was, even though it was stated in the beginning that the book was geared towards absolute beginners or those inexperienced with dog training. There's this theme of "Just do this, and everything will proceed as planned, yay!" that gets a bit off-putting after a bit. It's great to be upbeat, but it's unrealistic to expect everything to be perfect. It's very difficult to teach the breadth and depth of skills she suggests teaching in only 30 days, although, to be fair, the book does offer a great foundation from which to move forward. Just don't expect to have a functional formal retrieve from the 5 days of training suggested! There's also a suggestion that training time should be spent on grooming behaviors so that the Service Dog in Training can be fully shaved down before beginning work in public. I found this a bit odd, truth be told, although the steps provided for desensitizing a dog to grooming are excellently laid out. For the absolute beginner, this book offers a solid place from which to begin. However, its price of \$9.99 is quite steep for a book that can be read and digested in less than an hour. If you think you'll be referring back to it often, it's a valuable add to your training library, and you can purchase it here. For a trainer or handler with even a little bit of experience working with Service Dogs or in training, this is probably one to pass by, especially for such a steep price.

Great read. Thorough steps on how to train. Will definitely be getting her next book on how to train DADS.

I'm reading this now....it's a great book...all the info is great....

I am finding the content, style, methods very helpful in setting the foundation to begin service training with my pup. As I attempt to work through the 30 days I'm sure I will have a more detailed review to offer. BUT I am having a very challenging time using this book because I am not an electronic device person. Part of my own "disability issues" pose a challenge that is keeping me

from fully utilizing this book, just because I can't get hard copy in any way, shape or form. I feel that this is very short-sighted and has let out an entire segment of the population who, like me, need to have hard copy, not Electronics, in order to read and learn from books.

Great read

Clear and practical. I wished it was longer. Provides a good sequence of skills to get a dog started in service work. I look forward to additional volumes.

Well written and easy to follow. I've trained a Service Dog before with a different course and find this one more complete. Looking forward to the proposed courses for specific types of Service Dogs.

Very informative and easy to understand. They make it very applicable and easy for you to work with your dog daily and develop that bond.

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