

Emotional Support Animals (ESA)

A domesticated animal who is manageable in public and does not create a nuisance in or around the home setting; who provides emotional, physical, or psychological support through companionship – no specific training required.

Therapy Animals

Typically, a domestic pet tasked to give someone other than their handler, comfort. These animals have no federally protected rights of access. *Type of animal is typically determined by the organization, facility or the handler.*

Service Animals

A dog or miniature horse (less than 100 lb) who has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. These animals are allowed in the majority of places that serve the public.

Specifically trained to perform tasks that mitigate a handler's disability.

Trained to bring comfort and joy to those in a hospital, school or other group care environments

Provides support and emotional comfort to a handler with a mental illness



Service Animals

Therapy Animals

ESA

Training Hours



Service DOG Training



What are Basic & Advanced Manners?

The Top 10 Behaviors all dogs need to know are Sit, Down, Stay, Come, Go, Leave it, Drop it, Touch, Look, and With me (heel).

A dog with great Advanced Manners, only needs to be told something once, is fine walking past other dogs and people, and has the skills to pass the Canine Good Citizen or Public Access Test.

Public Access Includes, controlled behavior when...

- ⌘ Loading and unloading in vehicles
- ⌘ Passing or standing next to unfamiliar dogs
- ⌘ Entry and exit to buildings, stores, etc
- ⌘ Food is sitting or dropped near by
- ⌘ Shopping carts pass
- ⌘ People try to pet from behind
- ⌘ Major noise distractions happen

Basic and Advanced Manners are the first steps in training your dog.

Advanced Manners should be perfected PRIOR to Public Access practice – this will provide you and your dog with the mechanisms needed to succeed in tight quarters and with unpredictable people.

Task Training is training your dog in the specific tasks you need him or her to help you with.

Task Training can often be started during Advanced Manners but the key is lots of practice in different environments in different weather conditions and with different distractions present.

Environmental Proofing is practicing all basic, advanced and task behaviors in every imaginable condition so your dog is prepared when on-the-job.

Environmental Proofing includes practicing at night, in the morning, in wind, rain and snow, with different amounts and types of people present etc.