Hopefully you have clicked this link because are curious about my Service Dog training or maybe you seriously want more information about the *ins and outs or rights and wrongs* concerning Service Dogs and their training.  Since there is much information out there and much more misinformation regarding the training and legality issue for Service Dogs, I wanted these first few sentences to be informative and meaningful in case this is all you read.



LEFT PAW - RIGHT PAW Evolution 3 Phase Service Dog Training is a novel and affordable approach to service dog training.  Not every service dog needs to learn 80 plus different commands or words, nor is it necessary to spend thousands of dollars on training.  Also, purchasing an expensive, already trained dog is not always necessary.  If you have a legitimate need for a service dog, the furry friend that sits at your feet as you snack on popcorn in front of the TV may be the one for you.  A no charge initial evaluation will determine if your dog will be the right fit or not.  If so, all training will be done at my facility and on location with you present.  You will not drop your dog off for me to train and then wait for me to call you when he/she is ready.  Your dog will be YOUR service dog so he/she will need to recognize your body language and your voice, not a strangers. Below are the 3 PHASES explained. (Most dogs only need PHASE 1)

**PHASE 1**



http://www.clipartbest.com/cliparts/M9T/4LX/M9T4LXjiE.png  The cost is $400. All the basic obedience cues needed for a well-mannered service dog will be taught.  You may attend  a group class to learn these or we can do it one on one with just you and your dog, and any other friends or family members you would like to have attend the training with you.  There will be homework for you to practice with your dog during the week.  Just as every building needs a firm foundation, so do you and your service dog.  Quick training or training that cuts corners will not hold up under stress or be long lasting. This PHASE 1 assumes your dog is already doing something for you that qualifies it to be a service dog.

http://www.clipartbest.com/cliparts/M9T/4LX/M9T4LXjiE.png After all the obedience cues are learned we will go out on location to various stores and fine tune the commands there. When a dog will be obedient anywhere they are said to have achieved the "generalized" stage of training.

http://www.clipartbest.com/cliparts/M9T/4LX/M9T4LXjiE.png Next we will practice for the Public Access Test (PAT). We will have covered all the test items in the previous sessions. Finally we take the PAT and I make your photo ID and issue you an Accreditation Certificate. This concludes PHASE 1 and you now have a legitimate Service Dog entitled to all the rights and privileges as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Many dogs do not need any further training.

**PHASE 2**

If you would need your dog to learn specific tasks to facilitate your disability or handicap you may opt for additional training through the PHASE 2 Program. A free consultation would be provided where your needs would be determined and documented. It would be decided if your dog would be capable of providing these needs and a training plan would be outlined. The PHASE 2 Training costs start at $400.

Examples of things learned in PHASE 11 would be to pick items up, open/close doors, find objects, identify items and bring them to you, help you with mobility issues, etc. Additionally, we will encounter and set up various training situations in high traffic and multiple distraction areas.

We will also fine tune all the behaviors learned in PHASE 1 and make them spot on perfect in every instance and every setting.

If there are specific things you need your dog to do or places where you will need to go we will cover those providing they are possible.

**PHASE 3**

This would be for the service dog team (you and your dog are the team) that needs more focused training in specific situations or areas. A detailed training plan and time frame would be discussed. We would possibly go to more highly trafficked locations or where we would encounter intense distractions. In these instances a specific behavior may be required from your dog or more intense obedience. Some possible examples might be going to church where your dog would need to lay quietly for an extended period of time within a crowd of strangers. Many churches nowadays have loud music with various musical instruments which would be a new experience for a service dog. Other possible examples would be: Bus or train station An airport Mall Doctor's office or dentist Concert Movie theater

***In conclusion, we can fine tune this final stage to accommodate any of your needs if it would be things you and/or your dog would be capable of doing.***