



To prepare your dog for our Psychiatric Service Dog (PSD) Training Program we ask that you review the following and complete these basic training exercises. If you have a puppy we suggest you enroll in a Puppy Training Class as a way to begin your basic training.

- Understand the inherent traits of your dog's breed.
- Maintain your dog's health with regular veterinarian visits, proper diet, daily exercise/play, and grooming.
- Your dog must have a proper license and some sort of ID (collar tags, tattoos, or microchip)
- Socialize your dog by exposure to people and places, but provide adequate supervision especially around children. Dog must be friendly without suspicion/timidity/fear, or aggression toward people or other animals.
- Dog allows you to hug or hold it (depending on size)
- Dog allows you to take away a treat or toy
- Dog does not exhibit food or toy aggression
- Dog allows another person (stranger) to greet them and pet them
- Dog walks on a leash and does not tug or run ahead
- Dog is under control passing other people, animals, or distractions, not lunging or pulling
- Dog sits and stays on command
- Dog will come to you when called

A great resource about dog and puppy training is the American Kennel Club (akc.org). In addition to information about training on their website, they include AKC approved classes available by state and town.