



Assessment

This will be done in three parts and costs £250 which payable before the commencement of the assessment progress.

- 1) Completion of assessment paperwork and to meet with our disability consultant to discuss your expectations of an assistant dog.
- 2) Assessment with our head trainer
- 3) Successful completion of Responsible Dog Owner Certificate – you will be sent the enrolment information for this automatically by the course provider. Once completed please send us your certificate.

Following completion of these three stages we will write to you with the outcome of the assessment and whether you have been accepted onto our affiliate assistance dog programme. If you are successful you will then move to preliminary Unit.

Preliminary Module

You will be given a series of handouts with information on how to find a reputable breeder, breeds we recommend to carry out the work of an assistance dog, a puppy ebook and a shopping list of items we suggest that you purchase prior to sourcing a puppy.

We are unable to recommend specific breeders or be involved with the sourcing of puppies on the affiliate programme.

Module One - Off to the right start! £800

During this module you and your dog will learn all the foundation skills that are essential to being an assistance dog. This module will run over 10 weeks with 9 weeks of input and one week "holiday" which can be taken at a pre-agreed time decided before the Module starts.

Home visit within first couple of weeks of having your puppy. During this visit your trainer will be able to answer any initial questions you have and give you some basic tips and ideas of how to enjoy this early time with your puppy and get them on the road of success for the rest of their training. You will be given some easy games to do with your puppy and a report sheet that you need to complete and send to your trainer. You will complete these sheets for each week of your training. This visit will be classed as week one of your training journey.

Week Two

You will have a phone call with you trainer to go over any problems that you are having and to give you advice and tips and some more game ideas.

Week Three

This will be your first training session out and about. You will meet in a public park to set the foundations of socialisation and recall. The second session this week will be with our disability advisor and will be meeting at a small café to get your puppy used to being in a busy environment and to talk with you about any questions you might have.

Week Four - Eight

There will be two training on each of these weeks. One session will be a group session which will be held on either a Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday morning in West Malling. The other session will be two 1:1 sessions with you and your dog and two 1:1 sessions where your trainer takes your dog out on their own.

Week Nine

This week will be your first assessment of the programme. There will be a training session with you and your dog and then the assessment will be carried out by our head trainer.

Phone text support with a trainer

TWO WEEK HOLIDAY

Module Two - Getting Busy £800

During this module you and your dog will learn to carry out all of the skills covered during the first module in busier environments as well as learning new skills. This module will run over 10 weeks with 9 weeks of input and one week “holiday” which can be taken at a pre-agreed time decided before the Module starts.

Week One – Five This will consist of a group training session in West Malling on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday morning each week. Your trainer will then take your dog out once a week to work on community access.

Week Six- Eight The group training sessions will continue as with weeks 1-5. On week six you will meet with our disability consultant who will do a community handler training session with you. This will take place at Eclipse Park at Junction 7 of the M20. Week 7&8 will be working on community access with your trainer.

Week Nine Assessment Week. This module will have two assessments. The first will be with our head trainer who will assess you and your dog on the skills covered during this module and the second assessment will be with our disability consultant who will assess your understanding of community access and make sure that you are confident at this early stage.

Phone support with a trainer

Module Three - Community Access £800

The focus of this module will be community access. You will continue to have your group training which will focus on technique but the primary focus will be community access.

Week One – Eight This will consist of a group training session in West Malling on a Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday morning each week. Additionally, there will be 3 community access training sessions with your trainer your trainer will also do 3 community access sessions with just your dog, and you will have two community access sessions with our disability consultant.

Week Nine Assessment Week. This module will also have two assessments. The first will be with our head trainer who will assess you and your dog on the skills covered during this module and the second assessment will be with our disability consultant who will assess your understanding of community access and make sure that you are confident at this early stage.

Phone support with a trainer

2-week break

Module Four - Community Access and Interventions £950

The focus of this module will be your community access test and interventions.

Week One – A combined session of public access with our disability consultant and a discussion about games and interventions which may be able to alleviate some anxiety and assist with sensory intervention and decide upon which ones will be suitable for you and your dog.

Week Two: Community Access with your trainer. A 1:1 session with our Head Trainer to begin the intervention work.

Week Three-Six: Two sessions a week with your trainer one to focus on interventions in an enclosed dog field or your house/garden if you live near enough. Community Access

Week Seven: Mock test with disability consultant and 1:1 training session with our head trainer on your interventions.

Week Eight: 1 session with your trainer to help with any difficulties in the mock test and 1 session with head trainer to finalise your interventions.

Week Nine: 2nd Mock Test with your trainer and Final Community Access test.