**LONG TERM TRAINING**

**LONG-TERM TRAINING IS TRAINING UNTIL OUR LONG-TERM GOAL IS EITHER MET OR THE DOG IS WASHED OF THE PROSPECT FUTURE WORK.**

**LONG-TERM TRAINING IS CHARACTERIZED BY AT LEAST 12 WEEKS OF TRAINING PAID IN SIX-WEEK INCREMENTS.**

**POSSIBILITIES FOR LONG-TERM TRAINING INCLUDE:**

**PRE-PUPPY PROSPECT:**

**-guide handlers in the direction of breeders and the process that comes with getting a new puppy prospect.**

**-temperament testing**

**-preparation chat for their coming home (home proofing, gathering necessities, step-by-step routines, etc.)**

**-picking up the puppy**

**-pre-arrival educational consults and planning**

**-24/7 chat support**

**-training sessions for handler**

**PUPPY PROSPECT 0-11 MONTHS:**

**-training sessions planned weekly with homework**

**things we may work on include:**

* ***Early Neurological Stimulation, which introduces mild stresses to very young puppies in a controlled way to help stimulate the neurological system which improves the growth and development of the pup’s immune system, cardiovascular system, and stress tolerance.***
* ***Early Scent Introduction, which improves adult scenting ability (a must for service dogs).***
* ***Extensive Socialization & Habituation, to take advantage of this early socialization window when they are so eager and ready to learn.***
* ***Environmental Exposure, because it’s not just socialization, but exposure to different environments, helps the puppy to become a self-assured, confident dog.***
* ***Emotional resiliency exercises***
* ***Safe early socialization***
* ***The enrichment effect***
* ***Development and fear period prevention/troubleshooting exercises***
* ***Puzzle games***
* ***Problem-solving exercises***
* ***Anti-aggression protocols***
* ***Human socialization sessions***
* ***Anti-resource guarding Protocols***
* ***Anti-separation anxiety, biting, and jumping protocols/exercises***
* ***Playtime motivational tools: we introduce the pups to the power of play. We build on this language to teach results and consequences in a fun way.***
* ***Crate training games: you want your puppy to love the crate, it not only makes house training easier and keeps your puppy safe, but is something you never know when you will need it (medical emergency, groomer visit, weather evacuation).***
* ***Clicker training: building power and communication in the clicker***
* ***Potty training: we encourage potty pads and pellet trays, along with taking the puppies out frequently and word-associating bathroom breaks, to make house training easier for you.***
* ***Social Attraction - degree of social attraction to people.***

***Games and exercises practicing:***

* ***Following - willingness to follow a person.***
* ***Restraint - degree of dominant or submissive tendency, and ease of handling in difficult situations.***
* ***Social Dominance - degree of acceptance of social dominance by a person.***
* ***Elevation - degree of accepting dominance while in a position of no control, such as at the veterinarian or groomer.***
* ***Retrieving - degree of willingness to do something for you. Together with Social Attraction and Following a key indicator for ease or difficulty in training.***
* ***Touch Sensitivity - degree of sensitivity to touch and a key indicator to the type of training equipment required.***
* ***Sound Sensitivity - degree of sensitivity to sound, such as loud noises or thunderstorms.***
* ***Sight Sensitivity - degree of response to a moving object, such as chasing bicycles, children or squirrels.***
* ***Stability - degree of startle response to a strange object.***
* ***Trainability***

**-24/7 chat support**

**-talk consults (to plan routines, talk about diets, how they should be exercised, grooming for the breed, socialization, and more.)**

**12 MONTH+ PROSPECTS AND SERVICE DOGS:**

**-training sessions planned weekly with homework based upon the level of training handlers’ needs.**

**-preconditioning for task training for the handler’s needs**

**-task training exercises and conditioning to increase the dog’s reliability**

**-troubleshooting any needs of the dog in training including any basic foundations that may have not been fully manifested in the dog’s natural patterns**

**-exercises and games to increase motivation and engagement + fun in learning**

**-consultation for the dog’s day-to-day routine, diet, exercise, grooming, general exams, and more**

**-24/7 chat support**

**-consistent evaluations**

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