



PAWSITISM INC.

Service Dogs For Those With Autism

Timeline Chart for Family Training

<i>Step</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
Fill Out Application	We receive the application, review it, and make contact with the family.
Zoom Interview	We schedule a Zoom interview with the family and members of the board. It lasts approximately 1 hour, we ask questions to get to know the family.
Personal Interview/ Meet Our Dogs	We schedule an in-person interview where the family can meet members of the board, and also meet the dogs and see how the child interacts with them.
Acceptance Into The Program	Once BOTH the family and the board have agreed to move forward with the program, we send the family an acceptance letter/email and they are put on the wait list for a future service dog.
Start Of PI Training Program/ Team Certification Process	The family is introduced to the trainer and works with the trainer to coordinate a schedule for what will work to facilitate training over approximately the next 5 months. Training is usually one-two times a week to start.
Parent Training	This lasts for approximately a couple weeks and the parents get a handle on training commands, handling skills, and learning about tasks to help their child.
Service Dog Transitions Into New Home	After approximately 2.5 months of team training, the trainer approves the dog to transition into their potential new home. The dog is a PET not a full fledged service dog and will be going only to pet-friendly stores.

Team Training Complete/ PA Practice Test	After the family has completed their required hours of training with the trainer and their required hours of training without the trainer, they will then coordinate with the trainer to schedule their practice Public Access Test. This is to get ready for the ACTUAL test to complete Family Certification and receive their status and a Service Dog Training Team.
Requirements Completed	Required hours complete with the trainer. Required hours completed without trainer. PA Test passed. ADA Test passed, \$5,00 donation received.
Team Certification Complete	Once requirements are completed, the family receives their Family Certification Binder and their Service Dog Team Certification!
Continued Training Sessions	After the family has completed all their required items to receive their Team Certification, they are then asked to schedule continuing education and training with their trainer.
Continued Training Schedule	1 Month after Official Certification - 1 Hour 3 Months - 1 Hour 6 Months - 1 Hour 9 Months - 1 Hour 1 Year - 2 Hours
Recertification Process	Every year, each family is required to re-certify with Pawsitism, Inc. to make sure that they are following all practices set forth in their original training and renew their Team Training Certification status through Pawsitism, Inc.. They will be asked to go through the PS Test, show obedience commands, task training procedures, and answering ADA questions. This should be simple if they complete their continued training their first year.
Ambassador Graduate Program	Families are asked to partake in events, welcome meetings with new families, and help with our mission! Attending fundraisers, sponsor meetings, etc. It is better when real life experience is coming from a parent!