

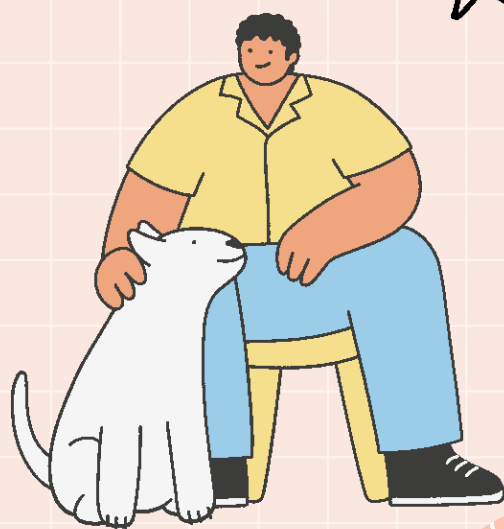
How the Service Dog Project

TRAINS DOGS

We take our recipients and dogs rather seriously

1. BREEDING

We occasionally import European Great Danes to enhance our lines. They have a bulkier mastiff looking frame which makes them more fit for lifting and supporting the weight of their handler. Our breed dogs are all OFA screened



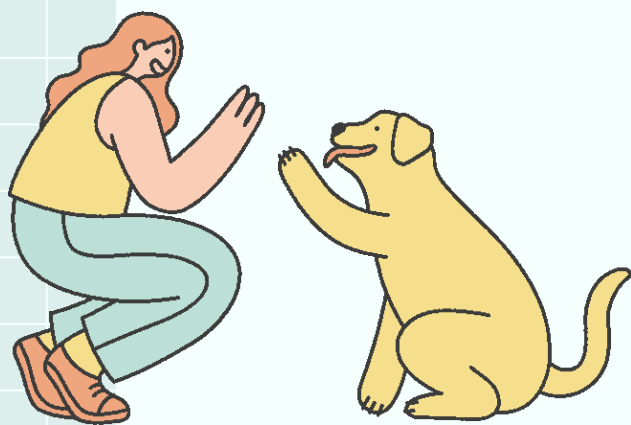
2. NAMES AND WAIT

Once the pups are around three weeks old and, on their feet, the training begins. We start teaspoon feeding baby food. The pups learn both their names and wait until their names are called.



3. GROUP TRAINING

Once the dogs are 12 weeks old and get their rabies vaccine, our dogs can go off property with trainers at the barn. By teaching them how to stay together as a pack, we take them to places like the Topsfield Fairground where they practice recalling, name-calling, and getting them in and out of the cars.



4. INDIVIDUAL TRAINING

Socialization is key. While the dogs are still young, we take them individually out to the public where they can meet people, get petted and experience the world. As they grow, the petting opportunity ends, and the advanced training begins



SDP's main mission is to breed, raise, train, and donate certified service dogs to people who experience difficulty with their balance or mobility. To ensure our dogs are the best of all, we put about \$35,000 to fully prepare a dog and the training process is around 18 months.