



# **TRAIN YOUR OWN ASSISTANCE DOG PROGRAM**





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Training your own assistance dog means you are in charge of the process from start to finish.





# TRAIN YOUR OWN ASSISTANCE DOG

Although training your own assistance dog is a cheaper alternative it still requires a considerable investment of time and money.

## **Training your own dog is time consuming and hard work.**

A lot of people have never owned a dog before or never trained a dog. Training a dog in basic obedience requires commitment and work so, as you can imagine, training an assistance dog is a much bigger commitment and a lot more work.

## **Your dog needs to be a family priority and you need to be able to take it everywhere with you.**

Think carefully about your lifestyle and the commitments you already have and whether you believe you can do this. If the answer is YES then we can help you out.

Training an assistance dog should be fun. We will meet with you and go through the training package step by step. Your package will consist of a resource folder, a training journal, and any equipment we feel is necessary for you to proceed. We build an evidence file of your dog's capabilities and provide your eventual registration.

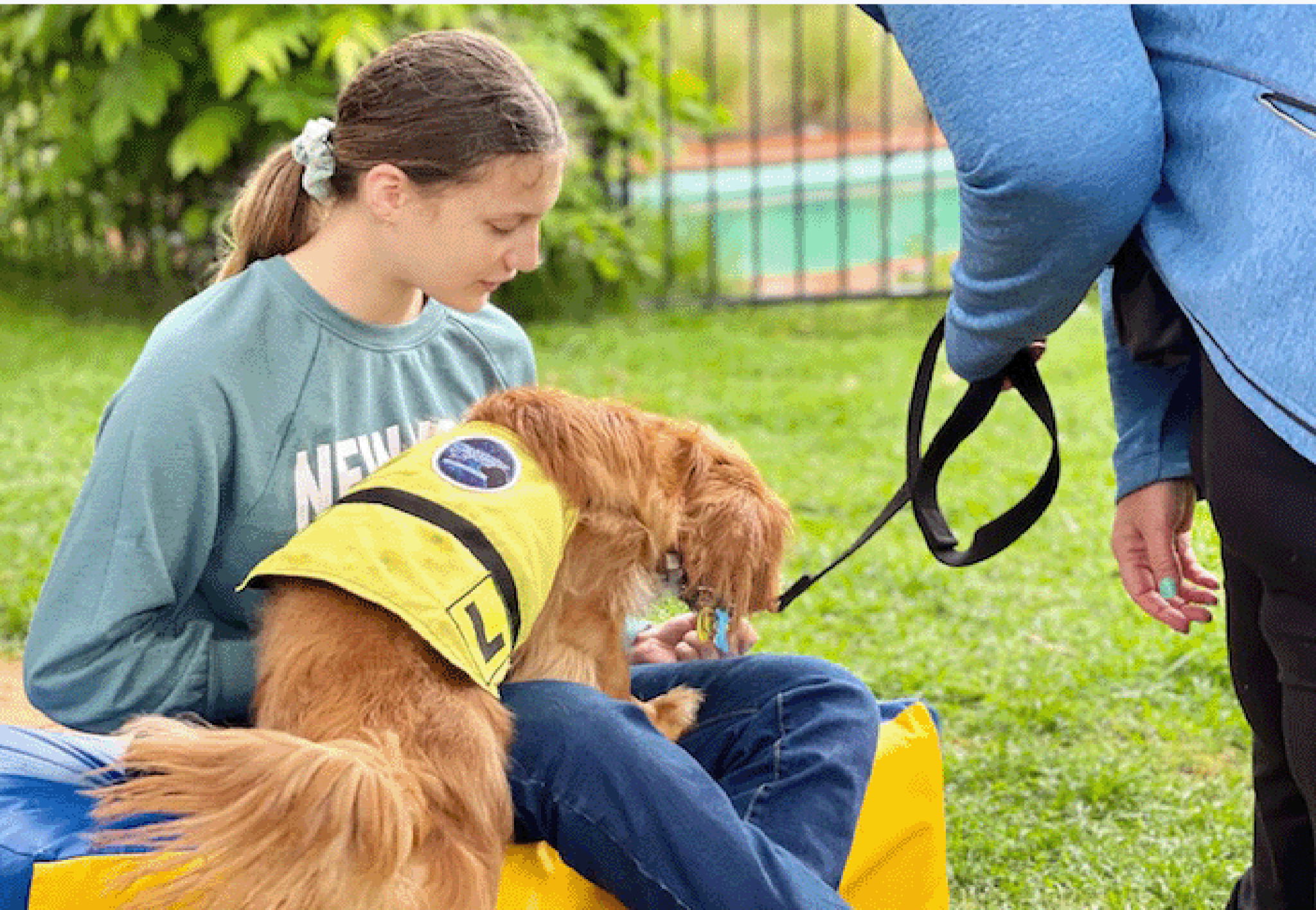
# WHAT DOES IT COST?

**Please note that these prices are at Jan 2023. There is generally a slight yearly increase due to costs of living etc.**

In Summary it will initially cost the following to begin the program.

- Cost of puppy
- Enrolment fee
- Annual registration fee
- Puppy class fee

You are required to read and agree to the policies and procedures of SSE prior to starting the program.



<b>Details</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<p>You will need a puppy or dog to start. A puppy from SSE is \$5500.</p> <p>A \$1000 deposit is due when puppies are 1 week old and the balance due when puppies are 6 weeks old. The pups begin programs at 3 days old and continue to 8 weeks old. Temperament testing is completed at 6 weeks old and your pup is then selected for you.</p>	<p><b>A puppy from SSE is \$5500</b></p> <p><b>Or you may already have a puppy/dog</b></p>
<p>Includes information sharing, resources, equipment (leads, coats, mat), correspondence, admin.</p>	<p><b>\$875</b></p>
<p>Annual registration applies to all customers receiving a service, including training and fully certified Assistance/Therapy Dogs. The fee covers resources, coat hire, identification, registration with SSE, admin, correspondence and access to the members area on the SSE website.</p>	<p><b>\$180</b></p>
<p>Puppy Class – 4 x 1.5hr classes at SSE at 1 class per week.</p>	<p><b>\$240</b></p>
<p>Please read attached price list. To complete training, it is recommended you attend at least 1 group session per month and 1-4 other sessions. Availability for training times/days are sent out by email prior to the time and generally cover 2 months at a time.</p>	<p>Ongoing costs per training session as per attached price list.</p>
<p>Training Coat Assessment – must be 5 months or older. Includes practice sessions, video analysis, initial training coat &amp; badging</p>	<p><b>\$875</b></p>
<p>PAT (public access test) Practice sessions, actual assessment in public spaces, video analysis &amp; feedback, initial registration, initial certified coat &amp; badging.</p>	<p><b>\$875</b></p>
<p>2 yearly refresher PAT</p>	<p><b>\$375</b></p>

# FAQ:

## Why am I hiring a coat?

SSE owns the coats so that if you leave the program or behave in a way that does not uphold the policies and procedures of SSE the coat can be taken from you.

## What do the coats mean?

The learner coat is the first coat you receive. This does not give your pup/dog any rights to access public spaces (cafes etc) but it does let the public know your pup is in training and also helps your pup get used to working equipment.

The second coat is a training coat and gives you the right to enter public spaces except for a few locations.

The last coat is a fully certified coat giving your dog access to all public spaces that you access.

## How are payments made?

You will be invoiced at time of booking and at least 2 weeks prior to your session/request. Payment is currently made via bank transfer.

SSE will have card options very soon.

We are approachable so if you require an extension to pay or want to pay in instalments just ask but payments need to be made by the due date agreed upon.


## What kind of support can I expect?

1:1 and group training sessions- as many as you want to book in to.(eg: some people book a regular session every week/ fortnight each month).

Text/email and phone support 7 days/week. Email is better as phone calls can be difficult to answer if training is occurring. Also, emails give more information and allow better analysis of a situation.

We can provide equipment and are also able to have.





.equipment adapted if needed. Please feel free to discuss your individual needs.

## FAQ Continued:

### Can I book a specific location for a session?

Yes. If you are attending an appointment etc. you can book a session (or more) at the location to practice attending with your dog.

### Is all training a general approach in skills?

Yes and no. Training sessions are directed towards particular skills, however, these skills can be adapted to your specific needs/wants.

You are also able to request group sessions that target a particular skill or difficulty you are experiencing.

### Can I bring my child/children?

- Yes you can, however, you are responsible for them at all times.
- If children are present you are only to parent your own child/children.
- All children attending may have their own disabilities and difficulties so do not offer advice or interfere with other parents and their parenting method.
- There is a small box of sensory/fidget toys for children as well as a swinging chair.

**NOTE :** Everyone needing an Assistance Dog has an issue of some type, neurological and/or medical. Everyone is anxious about group sessions, so you are not alone.