



Domesti-PUPS

Training Camp Manual

2021 Domesti-PUPS Service Dog Training Camp

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Introduction to Domesti-PUPS [Instructor: Michelle]

History:

Domesti-PUPS is a 501c3 nonprofit organization, headquartered in Lincoln, Nebraska, and was founded in November 2000. Domesti-PUPS has satellite locations in Auburn, Fremont and Omaha, Nebraska.

Mission:

To improve the quality of life for persons with special needs through the assistance of animals, and to promote awareness through education.

Services/Programs:

Petting-PUPS: Volunteers with their own dogs provide visitation services to the elderly in nursing homes and assisted living centers. Requirements for pet therapy certification include: attending 10 class sessions, pet therapy testing, AKC Canine Good Citizen and AKC Community Canine testing, and 3 months “on the job” training (supervised visitations). Volunteers commit to a minimum of 2 pet therapy visits per month.

Edu-PUPS: Educators utilize certified therapy dogs in their classroom environment to provide a unique way to enhance learning. Edu-PUPS assist with everything from soothing emotional needs to motivating children to learn. There are approximately 45 Edu-PUPS in Southeast Nebraska schools, and also Edu-PUPS in Kansas, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri and Ohio.

Reading-PUPS: Certified pet therapy teams are partnered with children who have challenges with reading skills. The children read aloud to the dog who is a non-judgmental participant. The program also motivates children towards reading.

Praising-PUPS: A faith-based pet therapy program with a mission of sharing the word of God through the assistance of animals.

PUPS-Teach-Ups: An awareness program designed to educate the public on the benefits of the human-animal bond and service dog advocacy.

Raising-PUPS: Volunteer families raise a puppy for 12-14 months that will go on to be service dog. Raising-PUPS volunteers teach the dogs basic obedience, provide community socialization, and lots of love.

Weekend Warriors: Volunteer families take our service dogs in training a minimum of one weekend per month and integrate them into community settings such as restaurants, movie theaters, grocery stores, etc.

Service-PUPS: Highly trained service dogs who assist persons with physical mobility conditions, diabetes and/or seizure response. Training time for these dogs range from 1-2 years. Dogs are placed with clients on a national basis.

Prison-PUPS: Domesti-PUPS is partnered with the Nebraska Department of Corrections to provide training and certification for inmates to learn skills related to the pet industry (obedience training, service dog training, etc.), that can be utilized by the inmates when they re-enter the workforce. Currently, inmates at the Lincoln Correctional Center and the Nebraska State Penitentiary train service dogs for persons with disabilities. Domesti-PUPS started a shelter/adoption program at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women in York in August of 2014; and started a similar program at the Tecumseh prison in November 2017.

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