



Domesti-PUPS

**2021 Service Dog
Training Camp Manual**

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Laying the Foundation

Now that camp has finally arrived, the anticipation of receiving your Service-PUP probably made it difficult to fall asleep. You may have pictured how your new Service-PUP would instantly be your best friend, and follow your every command. All of your challenges will be over because of your new “WONDER” dog! Life will be a breeze, RIGHT?

When you meet your dog, you will know your new Service-PUP’s name, but he doesn’t have a clue who you are. You know that together you can and will conquer mountains, or at least your local big box store, but he hasn’t figured that out yet. However, he knows all of the commands needed to conquer that mountain. You will have to learn his language. For the duration of the training camp, we are going to work toward the goal of teaching your Service-PUP who you are, teach you all of the commands that your Service-PUP has been trained to do, and how to use them. We will also place a lot of emphasis on the bonding process between you and your Service-PUP. A solid bond between handler and canine is crucial for a solid team. There is much to do! Domesti-PUPS are trained for specific needs and know between 50 and 100 commands!

Our commitment to you is to provide a dog that has a training foundation, which means the dog has learned a variety of commands that will be used to assist you in your personal needs. However, this does not mean that your dog will instantly do all of these commands during this week, or even possibly after a period of time when you get home. We are here to teach you what your dog can do, and through you continuing to work with your dog and building the bond with your dog, in time you will work together like a well-oiled machine. To get to this level with your dog can take a year or more!

Your commitment to us is to continue diligently working with your dog and communicating with us along the way so that we can assist you in the process. We believe that a service dog is ‘in training’ all of his life (which means that we are too!). But remember the “WONDER” dog we discussed earlier? Of course you do... well, the good news is that although there are no ‘Robot-perfect’ dogs, by the time you graduate with your Service-PUP, you are going to be pretty convinced that he’s a “WONDER” dog! Let’s begin learning...