

Scheduled Visits – 20/80 Program



This program option works well for facilities out of the service area or with limited time available for puppy training. During this program, the puppy will live with the Puppy Raiser for the first 12 months, but will be transferred to the facility for 3-week periods when the puppy is approximately 3 months of age, 6 months of age, and 9 months of age. All of the Shared Custody program options begin with an intensive 12-month training program, and then switch to a fine-tuning phase where the trainer is available for occasional maintenance sessions at the facility. After the 22-month program, the ownership of the puppy will be transferred from Paws for Responders to the facility. Since most puppies start the program between 2-3 months of age, they will be around 2 years old when the program is finished.

Please read through the following pages to learn more about the different stages of training, the overview of the training schedule and payment plan, as well as a list of all expenses covered by the cost of the program. Paws for Responders is dedicated to helping every facility, handler, and puppy succeed, and we are excited to assist you throughout the process of training a working facility dog.

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Comfort K9 Training Stages

Puppy Training

Definition	Focus	Examples	Age
Teaching the puppy how to navigate the world successfully	Building confidence, teaching manners, addressing "puppy" behaviors	Socializing, potty training, appropriate play, puppy nipping, appropriate greetings, introducing the leash, crate training, etc.	0-5 months

Basic Obedience

Definition	Focus	Examples	Age
Teaching cues to increase responsiveness and handler control	Teaching the puppy how to make good choices, giving the puppy replacement behaviors for common problem behaviors, teaching impulse control	Sit, down, stay, wait at the door, loose leash walking, off, leave it, drop it, come, etc.	3-8 months

Advanced Obedience

Definition	Focus	Examples	Age
Refining cues and increasing reliability around distractions	Adding duration, distance, and distraction to basic obedience, fine tuning gestures and verbal cues	Stay for extended duration, heel past distractions, ignoring dogs in public, responding to cues the first time, responding to more subtle cues, etc.	8-18 months

Public Access

Definition	Focus	Examples	Age
Positively exposing the dog to stimuli found in public settings (different from home environment)	Creating positive associations with new environments, teaching the dog how to relax in public places, practicing obedience in public	Riding in elevators, settling at a park, riding in the car, walking through crowds, passing bikes/strollers/shopping carts/ etc.	3-24 months

Tasks and Skills

Definition	Focus	Examples	Age
Teaching the dog how to perform the tasks needed for their job	Determining what, specifically, the dog will be used for	Settling at someone's feet, targeting with nose or paw, stabilizing a person, etc.	12-24 months

Tests and Certifications

Definition	Focus	Examples	Age
Dogs with job titles often need to pass tests to be certified	Testing the dog's skill set and making sure they behave appropriately for their job	Canine Good Citizen Therapy Certification Service Certification Etc.	24 months

Scheduled Visits – 20/80 Program: Overview

Milestone #1: Start Program

- Down Payment - **\$4,000** TOTAL: **\$4,000**
 - What's included:
 - Initiates program, contracts signed, puppy search begins
 - Handlers receive access to online and printed training material

Milestone #2: Raising the Puppy

- Monthly rate **\$1,875** for 12 months TOTAL: **\$22,500**
 - Age: 2-14 Months
 - What's included:
 - Puppy Raiser:
 - Has puppy in their home for 43 weeks
 - Attends private training and weekly group meetings with trainer
 - Handler:
 - Has puppy with them for (3) 3-week periods
 - Receives Private Facility Session at puppy handoff

Milestone #3: Fine-tuning the Puppy

- Monthly rate **\$150** for 10 months TOTAL: **\$1,500**
 - Age: 14-24
 - What's included:
 - Puppy lives with Handler full time
 - Handlers receive 5 Private Facility Sessions to use, as needed, during remaining 10 months of program

Milestone #4: Transferring the Puppy

- Ownership is transferred to facility!

Total for 40/60 Program = \$28,000*

*Additional fees apply to puppies in facilities out of service area

Scheduled Visits– 20/80 Program: Checklist

Included in Program:

- Puppy purchase price
- High Quality Dog Food provided for the duration of the program
- Veterinary care
 - All required vaccinations until 24 months old
 - Spay/neuter
 - Annual exams
 - Flea/tick/heartworm preventative
 - Additional vet expenses
- Grooming
 - Bathing
 - Brushing
 - Nail Trims
 - Optional (shaving, trimming, hand stripping)
- Basic supplies
 - Crate
 - Leashes
 - Harnesses
 - Training/working vest
 - Treat pouch
 - Food enrichment items
- Puppy Culture video
- Educational reading and training manual
- Online training courses
 - 10+ hours of instruction and demonstration
- Hands on Puppy Training with Certified Trainer
 - 30 weekly training and socializing sessions
 - 6 Private Training Sessions
- Puppy care, raising, and socializing with Certified Puppy Raiser
 - 43 weeks
- Primary and Secondary Handler coaching
 - 9 (2-hour) Private Facility Sessions
- Certification fees
 - Canine Good Citizen Evaluation
- Registration fees
 - American Kennel Club
- Full time access to training support via phone and email
- Access to private discussion group
- Transportation of puppy (if within service area)