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**ADC will be meeting next
on March 23 at TACID from
12:00 to 3:00**

TACID's address is 6315
S. 19th St., in Tacoma, WA
on the 4th Saturday of the
month. We'd love to have
you join us.

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Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound Board of Directors

New Board Members were
nominated at the October
meeting. They are:

President: Jack Pearce-Droge
V. President: Shay Larsen
Secretary: Janelle Ellen
Treasurer: Jean Sullivan
At-Large: Connie Fuller

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Editor's Corner

by Jack Pearce-Droge

February, Snow and Time for Canine Play

The February meeting was designed as a time for members to talk with our speaker, Tanya Carter who is both an ADC member and has



been training puppies for work as a service dog for CCI for many years. ADC has recently welcomed in new members who either have a dog being trained for work as a service dog or who have a puppy also in training as a service dog. We decided that it might be very helpful if Tanya talked with us about what would be helpful to our members as they begin the basic training of their dogs. Tanya's article is on page 5.

We have also begun to identify the topics, activities and events that we can enjoy at our meetings. That has been an interesting process given that we have several new members in the process of training new service dog candidates.

My guy Chester really enjoyed the snow! Ran in circles around the back yard like there was no tomorrow! Of course the sun was out, the snow was thick and most importantly the snow wasn't wet rain.

If any of our members have any tips that you are using to familiarize your SDIT to different scents, places, sounds or anything else, send us a message and let us know. I am guessing that other members might welcome the opportunity to share new ideas.

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6315 S 19th St, Tacoma, Washington 98466

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound is to provide a safe, supportive, educational environment for persons with disabilities partnered with assistance dogs and to provide educational opportunities for the local business community and the general public, including persons dedicated to the raising and training of assistance dogs

Training Tips ***Public Access Behaviors***

By Jeanne Hampl



When I think of assistance dog training I separate the behaviors into two categories, public access skills and trained tasks that can mitigate a partner's disability. Many dogs are able to assist their partners in the home but are unable to handle the stress of constant interaction with other people, dogs or the environment in general.

When we are choosing dogs for assistance dog roles we must be sure that the dog has the physical health to do the tasks needed as well as the temperament necessary for public access.

The dog then must be trained in basic obedience. That means that the dog can do a Sit and Down on cue as well as a Stay in either position. It must walk quietly on a leash in an appropriate position to its handler or handler's wheelchair or walker. The dog must be trained to ignore other dogs and not solicit attention from the general public. The dog needs to be under quiet voice or signal control of the handler. The dog must also be trained to allow for handling by others in an emergency situation. The dog also needs to be taught that they may not bark in public. Lastly they should be taught to eliminate on cue.

The ADA Business Brief: Service Animals produced by the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section states: "A person with a disability cannot be asked to remove his service animal from the premises unless:

- The dog is out of control and the owner does not take effective action to control it.
- The dog poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others."
- The dog is not house trained.

A dog that pulls on its leash or lunges at people or other service dogs poses a threat to the safety of those people and dogs as well as the other service dog's handler and its own handler.

1. Public appropriateness

- *Dog is clean, well-groomed and does not have an offensive odor.
- *Dog does not urinate or defecate in inappropriate locations.

2. Behavior

- *Dog does not solicit attention, visit or annoy any member of the general public.
- *Dog does not disrupt the normal course of business.
- *Dog does not vocalize unnecessarily, i.e. barking, growling or whining.
- *Dog shows no aggression towards people or other animals.
- *Dog does not solicit or steal food or other items from the general public.
- *Dog obeys the commands of the client, except in cases of intelligent disobedience.
- *Dog works calmly and quietly on harness, leash or other tether.
- *Dog is able to perform its tasks in public.
- *Dog must be able to lie quietly beside the handler without blocking aisles, doorways, etc.
- *Dog is trained to urinate and defecate on command.
- *Dog stays close of its handler at all times unless the nature of a trained task requires it to be working at a greater distance."

Public Access Behaviors...con't on page 3.

Public Access Behaviors...(con't from page 2)

These are intended to be minimum standards for all assistance dog programs that are members or provisional members with ADI. All programs are encouraged to work at levels above the minimums.

1. The service dog must respond to commands (basic obedience and skilled tasks) from the client 90% of the time, on the first cue, in all public and home environments.
2. The service dog should demonstrate basic obedience skills by responding to voice and/or hand signals for sitting, staying in place, lying down, walking in a controlled position near the client and coming to the client when called.
3. The service dog must meet all of the standards as laid out in the minimum standards for Assistance Dogs in Public and should be equally well behaved in the home.
4. The service dog must be trained to perform at least 3 tasks to mitigate the client's disability."

Similar standards can also be found on the IAADP website, www.iaadp.org.

Whether a dog is owner trained or program trained they must perform in public as a dog trained to meet at least these minimum standards.

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Taking Training to New Heights Gig Harbor, Washington and the 2019 NADOI Annual Gathering! April 25-27, 2019

Make sure you don't miss out on this once a year opportunity to mingle with fellow members and learn from the best! We will be keeping it small to maintain the family feel of NADOI.

Spaces are limited, and everyone is welcome including non-members! Spread the word to your colleagues!

Location

**The INN at Gig Harbor
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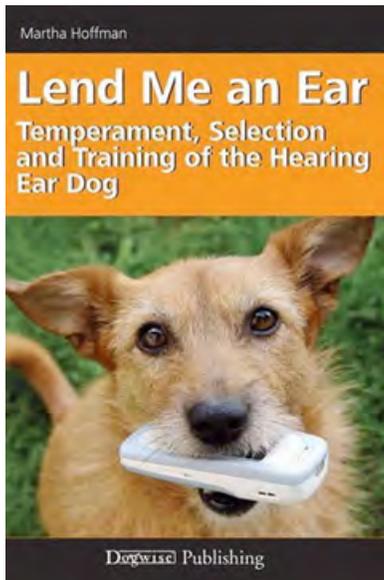
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Updates

Lend Me an Ear: Temperament, Selection and Training of the Hearing Ear Dog *By Martha Hoffman*



I am pleased to provide a correction to an error in an article in our January 2019 newsletter. Lend Me an Ear is back in print as well as an e-book and it can be purchased at {<https://www.dogwise.com/#>}

Compared to dogs, all humans are hearing-challenged!

But it takes more than sharp ears to be a hearing Dog. Mixed companion-breed dogs from shelters and rescues have proven themselves to be more talented for this career than any existing dog breed. When a curious, people-loving busybody of a mutt with a natural interest in sounds is trained and paired with the right human partner, wonderful things happen.

Martha explains:

The complex temperament of the perfect Hearing Dog
Testing methods to select shelter dogs for Hearing Dog
Dog-friendly training methods for teaching a dog to alert to sounds.

Paperback - \$24.95

Kindle - \$9.95

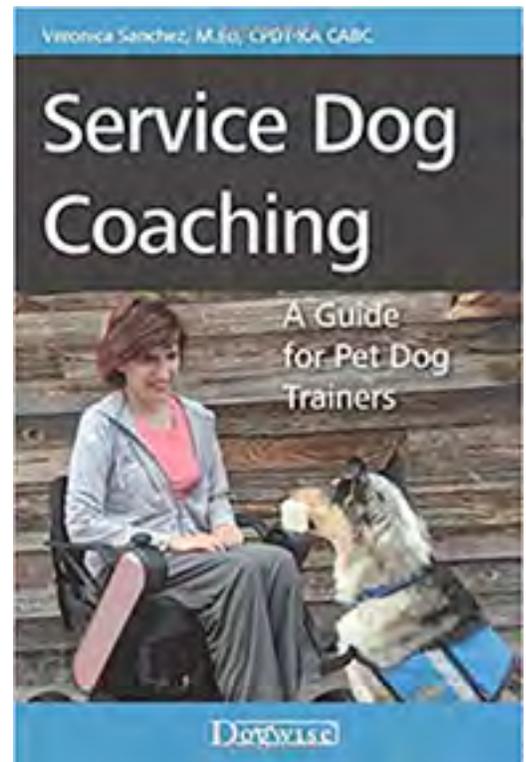
Service Dog Coaching: A Guide for Pet Dog Trainers *By Veronica Sanchez*

Add Service Dog Coaching to Your Training Business! Like many pet dog trainers, you may be getting questions from clients looking for help training a service dog. Despite the growing demand, even highly skilled trainers need additional education and preparation to take on this kind of work. Author, Veronica Sanchez, teaches professional trainers how to help owners with disabilities train a service dog. She provides what you need to know to become a successful service dog coach.

Paperback \$18.85

Amazon

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/1617812366>



Service Dog Trick Training

*By Veronica Sanchez M.Ed. CABC CPDT-KA
Northern Virginia Dog Trainer*

Training a dog for service work can be intense for both the owner and the dog. Mixing in trick training can bring back the fun! Additionally, working towards Trick Titles is a nice way for an owner-trainer to set some smaller goals as they work towards training the dog for service work.



Training tricks can make it easier for an owner with a disability to provide exercise and enrichment for the dog in inclement weather. Last but not least, training some tricks may also help with the training of some service dog tasks.

Tips for Training Tricks to Service Dog Candidates

1. Think carefully before training tricks that are very similar to service dog tasks. For instance, if you are working on beginning to back-chain a retrieve for a service dog task, training the dog to a trick that involves targeting with the nose could confuse the dog. The dog may try to grab the target or touch the object you want retrieved up with the nose.
2. Keep the trick training fun and silly. Even training a trick can be pressure for the dog. Allow the dog to choose how to perform the trick. For instance, if the dog prefers to roll over to the left, accept and reward that behavior. If the dog starts to act bored, frustrated or leaves the training session stop training and reflect. It may be time to spend less time training or this might not be a good trick to work on.
3. Be thoughtful in selecting tricks. Tricks that involve very athletic behaviors like jumping may be physically risky for the dog. On the other hand, tricks that involve retrieving may compliment and support some owner's task training goals.
4. Choose tricks that are relatively easy for the owner and the dog. The service dog training process is hard enough, trick training will not be fun for either the owner or the dog if the trick is too complex.
5. Make sure the trick training doesn't add pressure to the training schedule. Trick training is often great to do with young adolescent service dogs in training. When the team is getting ready to be assessed for public access, it's usually better for the owner to focus exclusively on service dog training.

Two great trick training resources:

- ***Do More with Your Dog!***
<http://www.domorewithyourdog.com/trickdog/> \t “_blank”
- ***AKC Trick Titles***
<https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/> \t “_blank”

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A Puppy By My Side

by Tanya Carter

As a Volunteer Puppy Raiser for Canine Companions for Independence (CCI), I often have a puppy in training by my side. CCI sends me an eight-week old puppy and expects me to teach it 20 to 30 commands, socialize the puppy, and give it a good home until the puppy is about 18 months old and ready to start advanced training in Santa Rosa, CA.



During the year or more that I am fostering a puppy, I take her to work with me at the Washington State Legislature. The Legislative campus gives me a training ground for the puppies to introduce her to so many things. Statues can be scary, they are large, sometimes they have large hands and eyes that stare blankly at the puppy, so on my lunch time walk we check out the various statues and build the puppies confidence. Our daily walks also give us plenty



of opportunities for “Leave It” with leaves blowing on the ground, crows cawing as we walk by, squirrels darting up trees and other dogs taking their owners for a walk through our beautiful campus. Of course there are a lot of people who want to pet the well behaved puppy, and sometimes we will stop and calmly accept the attention, but I always make sure that my puppy remains calm and checks in with me and doesn’t start soliciting attention.

Most of the commands that I teach the puppy are basic obedience or simple tricks like “Shake” or “Speak”. “Visit” (putting her head on my lap) and “Lap” (putting her front legs on my lap) have been favorites of all my puppies. If I do a good job of introducing and proofing the list of commands that CCI gives me, my puppy will be well on her way to succeed in Advanced Training where the professional trainers will build on the commands that the puppy knows to teach the tasks that the dog will be required to perform once she is placed as a service dog.



Once we get home, I focus on house manners and making sure my puppy will accept touching. I will place the puppy on her back between my legs. I touch her paws and make sure that I can easily clip her nails and trim hair on her paws. I check her ears and clean them when necessary, brush her teeth with doggy toothpaste and brush her coat. This makes sure that she will calmly accept all grooming and help build a bond between me and my puppy. I want this bond to be strong. Once my puppy is around 2 years old, she will hopefully be placed as a service dog and she will be able to switch the bond from me to her new person.

What's Up With ADC?

Activities and meetings this year will be held at TACID unless otherwise noted. The address for TACID is: 6315 S 19th St, Tacoma, Washington 98466. The Assistance Dog Club will be holding its meetings and events on the dates below. If you believe you'll like to have some good food Please feel free to bring something for yourself. We may have some goodies to eat as well. If our members have a topic or speaker that they would like to hear, please contact Jack Pearce-Droge.

- March 23 - Canine Nutrition
- April 27 - Mo Mauer, Exec. Dir., Assistance Dogs NW
- May 18 - Downtown Light Rail
- June 22 - To be determined
- July 27 - Annual Member Picnic
- August - Summer Break (No meeting)
- September 28 - To be determined
- October 25 - Annual Meeting
- November - Thanksgiving - (No meeting)
- December 25 - Annual Member Holiday Party

Support ADC While You Shop

If you are interested in supporting the Assistance Dog Club of Puget Sound there are a few options that are available to you! ADCPS has entered into a partnership with both Amazon.com and Fred Meyer. If you would like more information about both options offered by these two corporation you will find it on ADC's website, [<http://www.assistedogclub.org/home/support>] complete with links that will guide you through the process.

Shop at AmazonSmile
and Amazon will make
a donation to:
Assistance Dog Club of
Puget Sound

[Get started](#)

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Check our Facebook Page for more information!

Informational Websites With a Focus on Service Dogs

Given that the partnership of a person with a disability with an assistance dog is governed by legal requirements it is beneficial that each of us have access to as much material as possible. The discussions at the January meeting included suggestions that can be misleading, inaccurate or legally correct and helpful. It is critically important that each of us become our own best advocate.

Here are some websites that are accessible to you that will provide you with valuable information. Many of these websites are also available on ADC's website on the Favorite links page. The link for our website is: <http://www.assisteddogclub.org/home>

Legal Description of Service Dogs: http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/service_animal_qa.html
http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm

Legal Clarification on Rules for Assistance Dogs: <http://www.workinglikedogs.com/2011/03/u-s-department-of-justice-rules-on-assistance-dogs-to-become-stricter-march-15-2011/>

Medical information: <http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions>
<http://www.summitvets.com/blog.html>

Veterinary questions: <http://www.merckvetmanual.com/pethealth/index.html>
<http://www.carecredit.com/vetmed/> (credit card for veterinary care, people have 1 year to pay, use it if you have no other credit card for emergency surgery.)

Service Dog Information: <http://www.iaadp.org>
<http://www.assisteddogsinternational.org>
<http://www.servicedogcentral.org/content/>
<http://www.assisteddogclub.org/>

Service Dog Gear: <https://www.bridgeportequipment.com>
<https://www.sitstay.com/>
<http://www.boldleaddesigns.com>
<http://www.kurgo.com/>

Service Dog Training: <http://www.lakeerieassisteddogs.org/>
<http://www.cooperativepaws.com>
<http://marthahoffmanhearingdogs.com/academy/news/>

Also remember that the Assistance Dog Club has a facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Assistance-Dog-Club-of-Puget-Sound-155317554486927/>

Be sure to Like us for the latest information about all things service dog.