



information sheet

How We Do It

To become a minddog, your dog must already have some basic obedience training. He must sit, down, stay, come, wait, etcetera. A dog that demonstrates boisterous behavior, nuisance barking, hackles-up, growling, showing teeth, lunging, biting, aggression, excessive fear, or inappropriate elimination is not ready for public access work. Please think about this before you apply.

All dogs must have current registration with your local council and must be microchipped. All pups must be at least six months old and desexed. All dogs must be vaccinated and in good health. We only certify one dog per person.

To make an application costs \$200 for employed, \$150 for pensioners, free for homeless.. Once we have received your payment and application, we send you a booklet which is an intro to mindDog and contains a six week home assessment for you and your dog. You fill this out yourself and there are no right or wrong answers — it's really just info for us.

When you send the assessment back we will provide your dog with Trainee status. He/she gets a trainee minddog vest and ID. This permits you to take him to any public space for the purposes of training. If you don't already have a dog, depending on where you live, we can assist you to select one.

There are three ways of training your dog.

1/ You can do it yourself, which we encourage.

We do not endorse sending your dog away to be trained by someone else. The bond formed by training your own dog is vital to his effectiveness as a mindDog.

2/ You can join a local obedience club which is usually inexpensive. You do not have to tell anyone at the club why you are training your dog.

3/ You can work with a professional trainer. This is the most expensive option. We recommend trainers from www.dppta.com.au/trainers as they use positive response methods and are generally sensitive to the needs of our clients. Once the initial contact is made, we do not get involved in the relationship between trainer and client. Fees, sessions, needs etc are worked out between the two of you.

Trainee status lasts for 12 months. When you think your dog is ready during that time, we will come to you and administer the Public Access Test. Once your dog has passed the test, we charge a fee of \$250 if you're employed, \$175 if you're not, and free if you're homeless. This covers the cost of his new minddog vests and ID. He is now a certified minddog with all the rights that involves ie he can go anywhere with you .

Certification lasts for 12 months. Then we come and visit you and check everything is going ok. We may retest your dog.

Re- certifications costs: employed \$150, pensioner \$75, homeless \$0. We may waive these costs if we think it appropriate to do so.



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