

Hidden Haven Service Dog Training, Inc.

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HIDDEN HAVEN SERVICE DOG TRAINING, INC. (HIDDEN HAVEN) is a 501(c)3* non-profit organization dedicated to providing professionally trained service dogs to adults and children with disabilities, both visible and invisible.

HIDDEN HAVEN is particularly focused on finding suitable rescues for use as service dogs, thus providing a dual benefit: both the owner and the dog have an opportunity to help each other live a better, more fulfilling life.

For those whose goal is to help others through sharing the love, comfort, and companionship of a dog, we also provide therapy dog training.

Service dogs are becoming more widely used than ever before, allowing more people with a wider range of disabilities—both visible and invisible—to use them to help navigate the world. Not every dog has the temperament or skills to become a service dog, and those who do pass pre-certification still have many hundreds of hours of training ahead of them before they can be certified.

The training process itself is lengthy and expensive. HIDDEN HAVEN reduces these costs in two ways: We use rescue dogs or dogs that already belong to the handler, rather than privately-bred litters of pure-bred puppies. This means that we are using largely adult dogs who pass the candidacy test, so we do not have entire litters of puppies that do not qualify to place in homes. Second, we work with the handler to train the dog, so the time our trainers are needed to personally train any individual dog is shorter, thus reducing staff and dog-care costs.

Donations to HIDDEN HAVEN SERVICE DOG TRAINING, INC. are used in several ways:

1. to pay for the training itself;
2. to care for dogs in our possession while they are awaiting a match with a handler, or during the early stages of training (food, medicine, boarding, grooming, socialization);
3. to cover basic costs of maintaining the boarding and training facilities.

HIDDEN HAVEN was founded in 2014 and currently has four board members, one instructor, two trainers, and two student trainers. None of these people receives a salary for their work, and are paid a nominal amount for the actual time spent training.

If you would like to donate to help someone receive a service dog, please call HIDDEN HAVEN SERVICE DOG TRAINING at (318) 631-4733. We'd be happy to talk to you about our program.

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Randy Coburn, CD is the founder of HIDDEN HAVEN SERVICE DOG TRAINING, INC. He has a formal education in the field of canine education and has practiced professionally since 2005.

Founder

AKC CGC® Evaluator

Trainer/Instructor

Patricia Burnett has been training dogs since 2013, and was a handler for two years prior. She has a BS degree in business.

Trainer

Melyssa Nelson has been a trainer since 2015.

Trainer