LEASH METHOD / PROFESSIONAL WORKSHEET

Service Dog Cost Projection Worksheet

Document one-time, recurring, replacement, and inflation-adjusted costs.
Separate supported service dog costs from companion or pet costs.

Case / client	Date
Recommended support type	**Source pathway**
Inflation rate(s)	**Replacement cycle (years)**

01 INITIAL PLACEMENT, TRAINING & EQUIPMENT

01 Acquisition / Placement

INITIAL

program, breeder, adoption

Suggested source: Program/vendor quote; inflate if delayed

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	One time at initial placement		

02 Initial Training

INITIAL

obedience, public access

Suggested source: Trainer/program; current cost

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	One time or ___ hrs/months		

03 Specialized Task Training

INITIAL / FOLLOW-UP

disability-specific tasks

Suggested source: Trainer/program; current cost + inflation

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	As needed per task plan		

04 Handler Training

INITIAL / REPLACEMENT

handler/caregiver team training

Suggested source: Program/trainer; inflate by replacement year

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	Each placement cycle		

05 Travel / Lodging

INITIAL / REPLACEMENT

program or trainer travel

Suggested source: Program/travel quote; travel inflation

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	Per placement cycle		

06 Equipment

INITIAL / RECURRING

harness, vest, leash, crate

Suggested source: Retail/vendor; item-specific inflation

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	Initial + replace every ___ yrs		

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Ongoing & Intermittent Costs

Record recurring, periodic, and as-needed maintenance expenses.

02 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE & INTERMITTENT CARE

07 Food and Supplies

RECURRING

food, treats, bowls, storage

Suggested source: Retail/local; pet food inflation

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	Monthly / annual		

08 Routine Veterinary Care

RECURRING

exams, vaccines, testing

Suggested source: Veterinary quote; veterinary inflation

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	Annual		

09 Preventive Medication

RECURRING

heartworm, flea/tick, parasite

Suggested source: Vet quote; pet product inflation

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	Monthly / annual		

10 Grooming

RECURRING

professional or supplies

Suggested source: Groomer quote; pet services inflation

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	___ times/year		

11 Emergency Care / Insurance

RECURRING

premium, deductible, reserve

Suggested source: Insurer/vet; avoid double counting

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	Monthly / annual		

12 Boarding / Temporary Care

INTERMITTENT

hospitalization, travel, respite

Suggested source: Boarding quote; pet services inflation

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	___ days/year or as needed		

13 Follow-up Training

RECURRING / INTERMITTENT

refreshers, recertification

Suggested source: Trainer/program; training inflation

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	Annual / as needed		

Transfer applicable costs to the Projected Annual Maintenance Total on page 3.

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Replacement & Projection Summary

Account for successor-dog costs, retirement overlap, and the selected projection basis.

03 REPLACEMENT & RETIREMENT COSTS

14 Replacement Dog

REPLACEMENT

successor acquisition/training

Suggested source: Program/trainer; inflate to replacement year

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	Every ___ yrs		

15 Retired Dog Care

RECURRING / OVERLAP

overlap or senior care

Suggested source: Local providers; annual inflation

Cost input ($)	Frequency / cycle	Annual or future cost ($)	Actual source / notes
	Annual during retirement period		

04 PROJECTED COST TOTALS

Projected Annual Maintenance Total

TOTAL ($)

Food + veterinary + prevention + grooming + insurance/reserve + follow-up + expected intermittent care

$_____

Projected Initial Placement Total

TOTAL ($)

Acquisition + initial and specialized training + handler training + travel + initial equipment

$_____

Projected Replacement-Cycle Total

TOTAL ($)

Replacement dog + successor training/travel/equipment + overlap or retired dog care, as applicable

$_____

Cost basis (select as appropriate)

☐ Client out-of-pocket ☐ Market replacement value ☐ Scenario-based estimate

Projection assumptions, provider quotes, and supporting documentation

Guidance

Use local/provider quotes when available. Document whether costs reflect client out-of-pocket expense, market replacement value, or a scenario-based estimate. Do not add companion-animal and service dog scenarios together.

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