



Loyal Guardians Service Dog Training

Fact Sheet

Organization Name:

Loyal Guardians Service Dog Training

Organization Type:

501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization

Founded:

January 2024

501(c)(3) Approval:

January 2025

Location:

Delta, Colorado

Serving the Western Slope of Colorado and surrounding communities

Mission

To empower and enhance the lives of individuals through the training and placement of skilled service dogs while fostering a strong partnership between handler and canine that promotes independence, safety, and well-being.

Who We Serve

Loyal Guardians provides service dog training and placement for:

- Children with disabilities
- Military veterans
- Civilians with physical or neurological conditions

Our goal is to make service dog training more accessible and affordable for individuals and families in need.

Our Program

Service dogs in our program receive extensive training that includes:

- Foundational obedience
 - Confidence building
 - Task-specific training
 - Public access training
 - Environmental exposure
- Handler education and team integration

Training typically takes 18–24 months to fully prepare a service dog for working life.

Our Impact

Since our founding:

- 5 fully trained service dogs placed in working homes
- 2 civilians
 - 1 veteran
 - 2 children
- 4 owner-trained service dogs successfully graduated
- 2 veterans
 - 1 child
 - 1 civilian
- 4 service dogs currently in training for placement in 2026
 - 3 owner-trained teams currently working toward graduation
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Why Loyal Guardians Exists

The cost of training a service dog can exceed \$20,000–\$30,000 in traditional programs. Loyal Guardians was founded to help reduce that barrier by offering:

- Sliding scale training options
- Community fundraising support
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Accessible training resources on the Western Slope

Community Impact

Loyal Guardians is committed to:

- Supporting individuals and families who rely on service dogs
- Educating the public about service dog standards and responsibilities
- Maintaining ethical training and placement practices
- Strengthening the human-canine partnership

How the Community Can Help

Community support allows us to continue providing service dog training and placement.

Support opportunities include:

- Financial donations
- Corporate sponsorships
- Fundraising partnerships
 - In-kind donations
 - Volunteer support