

SERVICE DOG SUCCESS FOR SMALLER ORGANIZATIONS WORKSHOP

This immersive, multi-track workshop, hosted by Paragon Service Dogs, focuses on the systems, skills, and decision-making required to successfully develop and place reliable service dogs. Together, we'll explore the processes to support intentional puppy raising through advanced training and working life.



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SDSWORKSHOP.HTML](https://paragonservicedogs.org/news-events/sdsworkshop.html) TO REGISTER ONLINE.



MAY 29-31, 2026

(Friday afternoon - Sunday morning)

BOULDER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

FEE: \$300 | \$350

*Early bird registration fee
through April 30, 2026.*

*Registration fee
after April 30, 2026.*

CHOOSE YOUR TRACK:

- Puppy Raising the Future Service Dog
- Service Dog Trainer Foundations
- Advanced Service Dog Training

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Early program decisions that impact long-term service dog success
- Practical strategies to build stability, confidence, and reliability in dogs
- Ways to align raisers, trainers, and staff for consistent development
- Role in creating successful teams

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WORKSHOP:

Contact Brienne at brienne@paragonservicedogs.org or 303-287-3277.

PARAGON SERVICE DOGS—WORKSHOP

TRACK OPTIONS:

Select the track that best aligns with your current role and goals. Each track is designed as a progressive learning path and should be followed for the duration of the workshop.

- **Puppy Raising the Future Service Dog:** For volunteers and volunteer management staff. Develop the knowledge and systems needed to raise stable, confident dogs who are prepared for the demands of advanced service dog training.
- **Service Dog Trainer Foundations:** For companion trainers and community members entering the field. Build the skills to move from companion training to service dog work by mastering foundations, task development principles, and reliability standards.
- **Advanced Service Dog Training:** For professional service dog trainers and staff. Elevate your training through advanced problem-solving, task refinement, and the application of program-wide standards.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE: *(The schedule is tentative; Paragon Service Dogs reserves the right to modify the schedule.)*

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026	SERVICE DOG TRAINER FOUNDATIONS	ADVANCED SERVICE DOG TRAINING	PUPPY RAISING THE FUTURE SERVICE DOG
1:00 PM	TOUR OF PARAGON SERVICE DOGS (OPTIONAL)		
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	ARRIVAL/CHECK-IN		
3:45 PM - 4:15 PM	WELCOME		
4:15 PM - 5:30 PM	SO YOU WANT TO BE A SERVICE DOG TRAINER	YOU MATTER MORE THAN YOU THINK: HOW TRAINERS AND RAISERS SHAPE A DOG'S ENTIRE FUTURE	
6:00 PM	DINNER (FOOD TRUCKS)		
SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026	SERVICE DOG TRAINER FOUNDATIONS	ADVANCED SERVICE DOG TRAINING	PUPPY RAISING THE FUTURE SERVICE DOG
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	COFFEE/TEA & LIGHT FARE		
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT/LIMA & ITS PLACE WITH SERVICE DOG TRAINING	TEACHING COMPLEX TASKS: BREAKING BEHAVIORS INTO TRAINABLE PIECES	TBD
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	SETTING CLIENTS AND DOGS UP FOR SUCCESS FROM DAY ONE	WHEN PROGRESS STALLS: DIAGNOSING TRAINING PLATEAUS	SOCIALIZATION WITHOUT FLOODING
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	LUNCH		
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	CONSISTENCY WITHOUT RIGIDITY: TRAINING STANDARDS THAT STILL FIT THE DOG	PROOFING TASKS IN REAL ENVIRONMENTS	RAISING FOR RESILIENCE, NOT PERFECTION
TBD	HOSTED DINNER		
SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026	SERVICE DOG TRAINER FOUNDATIONS	ADVANCED SERVICE DOG TRAINING	PUPPY RAISING THE FUTURE SERVICE DOG
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	COFFEE/TEA & LIGHT FARE		
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	WORKING WITH PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT DISABILITIES	MAKING THE MOST OF TEAM TRAINING	HOW TO NAVIGATE DIFFICULT PHASES
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	ROUND TABLE		
12:30 PM	CLOSING		

PRESENTERS: *(Bios are available @ paragonservicedogs.org/news-events/sdsworkshop.html)*

Brianne Corbett
Director of Client Services

Jack Carlton
Director of Program Operations

Heather McLaughlin
Social Worker

Bri Ore
Service Dog Trainer

Chloe Miller
Volunteer Coordinator

Leah Jacobson
Service Dog Trainer

Sarah Galassini
Service Dog Trainer

ABOUT PARAGON SERVICE DOGS:

Founded in 1978, Paragon Service Dogs, an Accredited Member of Assistance Dogs International, creates and supports resilient and extraordinary hearing service dog and facility dog teams around the country. Additionally, Paragon has helped support the development of similar programs in Norway, Japan, and Australia. Paragon delivers independence, awareness, and an enhanced quality of life to our clients and provides a pathway for dogs to serve as professional aides, trusted partners, and loyal companions at no cost.