

FACILITY DOG PROGRAM

All Stage Canine Development



SUPPORTING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

A trained facility dog can provide comfort, stress relief, and emotional support to firefighters and their communities.

BENEFITS:



Reduces stress and comparison fatigue.



Provides comfort after traumatic calls.



Strengthens team bonding and morale.



Enhances community outreach and trust.



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Healing Paws Program · Serving the Greater Sacramento Area & surrounding counties

FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS & EMS

A Department Facility Dog for Your Crews

A department facility dog is fully trained, professionally handled, and assigned to your agency. The dog works alongside a designated handler to support officers after critical incidents, steady victims and witnesses during interviews, and give your department a genuine presence in the community.

WHAT THE DOG DOES AT YOUR DEPARTMENT

- Post-incident decompression after pediatric calls, fatalities, and multi-casualty incidents
- Daily presence in the station across shifts, houses, and dispatch Support for critical incident stress management teams during and after debriefs
- Presence at line-of-duty death services, memorials, and department gatherings
- Public education visits, school programs, safety fairs, and station tours

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

- 1 Consultation:** This may include phone and/or Zoom consultations, as well as in-person evaluations with the puppy or dog being considered for the program. Our goal is to determine whether the dog is a good fit for the department, handler, and intended working environment. If a dog has not yet been selected, All Stage can also help guide your department through the process of finding an appropriate candidate.
- 2 Training:** The assigned handler will house and care for the department dog and work alongside our trainers throughout the training process. This program is designed to train both ends of the leash—the handler's education, confidence, and ability to work with the dog are just as important as the dog's training.
- 3 Certification:** Training includes preparation for the **AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC)**, **Community Canine (Advanced CGC)**, and **Urban CGC**, along with **Therapy Plus TADS** Specialized Therapy Certification. The team will also complete public-access and specialized training in the real-world environments where the dog will actually work, such as offices, courtrooms, interview rooms, schools, hospitals, community events, or other department-specific settings.

Most departments assign the dog to a peer support member, CISM team member, or public education officer.

TYPICAL TIMELINE

- ~6 months → Dog is actively working inside the department
- ~10 months → Dog is working in public settings
- ~9 months to 2 years → Full program, depending on the dog and the job

Training continues until the dog reaches two years of age, and as needed after that for the life of the dog's service.

TRAINING FORMATS INCLUDED

Private sessions

One-on-one work with your handler

Stay & train

Immersive blocks when the schedule calls for it

Group classes

Obedience and proofing around distraction

Public access

Courthouses, hospitals, schools, offices, high-traffic settings

Day train

Dog trains with us, handler picks up the skills

Job-specific work

Built around the duties your department needs

TRAINING INVESTMENT

\$20,000

ONE-TIME TRAINING INVESTMENT

Covers the dog's entire working career with your department. Every training format below, ongoing support for as long as the dog serves, new job assignments as your needs change, and full transition training when a new handler takes over. One active handler at a time. An additional or replacement dog is a separate program.

The dog is separate. Your department obtains and owns the dog. Cost varies widely by source, from a shelter placement to a purpose-bred prospect. We can help you find and assess candidates before you commit.



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