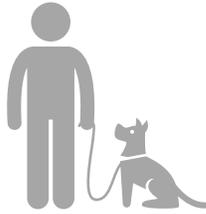


1 Reduce Recidivism

Research shows that as much as 70-86% of inmates who have partnered with dog-training (or similar) programs remain out of prison, compared to only 50% of those not involved in dog-related programs by learning skills to help them succeed once they reenter society, such as strong communication, reporting, commitment, self-discipline, teamwork, patience, leadership, and empathy.



2 Improved Behavior

Studies indicate that inmate dog trainers, as a condition of their participation, are more willing to adhere to correctional facility policies, maintain good behavior, increase self-control, and exhibit increased patience with the demands associated with incarceration.

3 Improved Mental Health

Throughout published literature, it is reported that participating in dog training programs helped incarcerated individuals develop better emotional intelligence and coping skills, increase self-esteem and self-efficacy, and feel empowered, proud, and able to achieve goals that they set for themselves.

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4 Work Skills

Participating in a dog training program helps inmate handlers develop critical work skills (self-discipline, responsibility, communication skills, record keeping) that they can apply to their communities upon re-entry into society. Further, there is a profound need for service dog trainers, which creates a viable path toward securing fulfilling employment after release from prison.

5 Increased Success for the Dog

Puppies Behind Bars demonstrates an 87% success rate with their pups raised by incarcerated handlers versus 50% for dogs trained by public volunteers. Inmate handlers can work with puppies in a uniquely consistent and orderly way that offers a greater amount of focused training time with the pups over other training environments demonstrating a higher success rate for certified service dogs.



6 Cost Effectiveness

Direct costs incurred for service dog training are significantly lower in prison programs than in other dog training program models. Yet, prison programs are more effective due to the additional time inmate handlers spend with dogs. Investing in pro-social volunteer training programs for inmates reduces expenses while increasing impact and sustainability.