

*The following questions are meant for you to think critically about the financial impact a service dog will have on your life. While CSDP does not charge our clients for a service dog, we do require that our clients assume the financial responsibility to care for your service dog, including (but not limited to) food, veterinary care, treats, toys, beds, and boarding. Please carefully consider the following questions.

We estimate that the cost of a service dog is approximately \$2000 per year. This is a basic estimate based on the cost of food, a yearly checkup for your dog, vaccinations, and a small stipend for unexpected veterinary occurrences. Do you feel comfortable taking on this cost?

___ Yes ___ No

Although the above amount of \$2000 per year is a good place to begin budgeting, unexpected veterinary occurrences can happen. Please read the following scenario and explain how you would respond to the circumstances.

You have taken your dog to a dog park for some exercise and play. Your dog starts playing with another dog and they are tumbling around the yard. Later when you get home, your dog appears to be limping and cannot put any weight on one of his legs. You take your dog to the vet and find out that he has torn a ligament and needs surgery - a not uncommon occurrence in large dogs. The cost will be anywhere from \$2,900-\$3,200 for the surgery and post-operative expenses.

Please describe how you would proceed in the scenario above.

Is there a limit to the amount you could spend on veterinary care?

Would you ever consider euthanasia due to medical costs?

Have you ever, in the past, had to euthanize a pet due to the cost of medical care? If yes, please describe the situation:

Source of Income

___ Professional ___ Self-Employed ___ Government Benefits ___ Other

Monthly Income and sources

Rent/Mortgage

Utilities

Medical Care

Car Payments

Credit Card Payments

Expenses for other animals in your home

Please take a moment to think critically about your monthly expenses and budget. Using this information and your current income, please fill out the following "Finance Worksheet" using your best estimates to map out what you can afford on a MONTHLY basis for your dog.

- _____ Dog Food (You can estimate that your dog will eat between 2-4 cups of dog food per day, depending on the size of the dog).
- _____ Treats
- _____ Toys
- _____ Grooming (This cost will vary dramatically based on the type of dog you get. If you have specifically requested a poodle or poodle mix, this cost will be higher.)
- _____ Savings towards veterinary expenses