

MEDICAL ALERT DOG TRAINING

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Train Medical Alert Dogs Using
Proven, Evidence-Based Methods



DECEMBER 10TH
2026 COHORT

SCIENCE-BASED | ETHICAL | LIFE-CHANGING



LIVE ONLINE INSTRUCTION

Interactive classes with
expert instructors



HANDS-ON PRACTICE

Apply what you learn with
real dogs and practical
assignments



EXPERT COACHING

Personalized feedback
and ongoing support
every step of the way



PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Earn your CMAC
Professional Certificate



SPECIALIZE IN MEDICAL ALERT DOG TRAINING

Medical alert dogs can be trained to recognize changes associated with a variety of medical conditions and respond with specific, trained behaviors.

This program is designed for experienced dog trainers who want to develop the practical skills needed to select, train, and work with medical alert service dogs.

Over approximately one year, you'll work through the process from dog selection and foundation training to medical alert work, public access, client coaching, and follow-up.



AT A GLANCE



START DATE

December 10th 2026



FORMAT

Live, Online



DURATION

Approximately one year to complete certification



TIME COMMITMENT

Live instruction + assignments
3–4 short dog-training sessions most weeks



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Professional dog trainers



CERTIFICATION

CMAC Professional Certificate



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CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

From Dog Selection to Certification

1



DOG SELECTION

Evaluate temperament, behavior, health, and suitability for assistance work.

2



SERVICE DOG TRAINING

Develop reliable foundation and intermediate service dog behaviors.

3



PUBLIC ACCESS

Prepare dogs to work reliably in public environments.

4



WORKING WITH CLIENTS

Learn client selection, matching, team training, coaching, and follow-up.

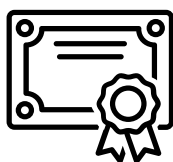
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MEDICAL ALERT TRAINING

Train alert and response behaviors for a range of medical and psychiatric conditions.

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PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Demonstrate competency through practical assignments and assessments.

WHY TRAIN WITH CMAC?

CMAC brings together research, more than 15 years of hands-on medical alert dog training, and experience working directly with clients and service dog organizations. The program is taught live, with practical assignments and individual feedback throughout.



**40+ HOURS
OF LIVE
INSTRUCTION**



**WEEKLY
PRACTICAL
ASSIGNMENTS**



**VIDEO COACHING
AND INDIVIDUAL
FEEDBACK**



**DETAILED
TRAINING PLANS
AND
ASSESSMENTS**



**READY-TO-USE
FORMS,
TEMPLATES &
DOCUMENTS**



**CASE
DISCUSSIONS**

MEET THE CMAC FACULTY



Jennifer Cattet, Ph.D.
Founder & Lead Instructor

Founder of Medical Mutts Service Dogs and CMAC, Jennifer is an internationally recognized expert in medical assistance dogs. She has spent more than 15 years developing evidence-based methods for selecting, training, and placing while collaborating on research in canine scent detection and behavior.



Melissa Morris
CPDT-KA, CMAC-CT

Melissa specializes in dog selection, client screening, and building successful long-term partnerships. With a background in animal behavior, shelters, and low-stress handling, she helps students develop the practical skills needed to create successful service dog teams.



Eva Rudisile
CPDT-KA, CMAC-CT

Eva oversees Medical Mutts training programs and brings expertise in advanced dog training, public access, service dog development, and coaching. Her diverse background also includes board-certified music therapy and extensive work supporting people with various disabilities.



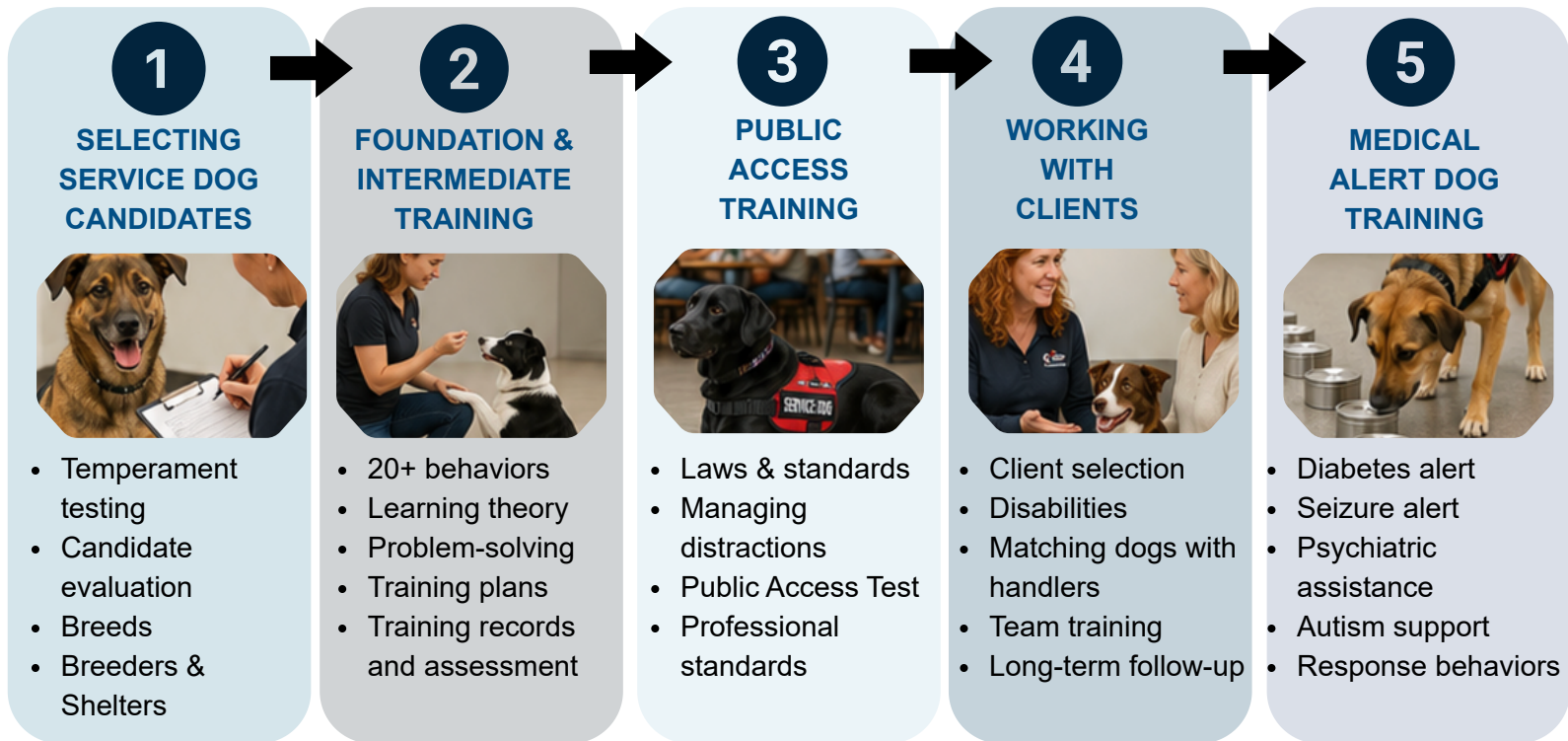
Ann Ronayne
LPC, NCC

Ann combines years of experience in assistance dogs, applied behavior analysis, counseling, and animal-assisted intervention. She previously directed client services for a large service dog organization and now integrates behavioral science and mental health into service dog education.

A COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM

From candidate selection through client follow-up

Our live curriculum follows the development of a medical alert service dog from initial candidate evaluation through foundation training, public access, medical alert and response work, client matching, team training, and follow-up.



THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM, YOU'LL RECEIVE



OUR MISSION: CMAC advances the science and practice of medical alert and service dog training through education, research, and ethical, evidence-based training.

IS THIS PROGRAM RIGHT FOR YOU?

Designed for experienced trainers with a strong foundation in clicker training and positive reinforcement.

This professional certification is intended for trainers with a solid foundation in clicker training and positive reinforcement. Because the program is interactive and highly practical, applicants must demonstrate their training skills before acceptance.



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



1- DEMONSTRATE YOUR TRAINING SKILLS

Applicants are asked to demonstrate their current training skills as part of the application process.

As part of the application, you'll submit two short videos:

- ✓ Video 1: Shaping a new behavior using a clicker
- ✓ Video 2: Luring a dog to perform any behavior of your choice



2- ACCESS TO A DOG

You must have access to at least one dog throughout the program for the practical assignments.

The dog does not need to be a service dog.



3- PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Submit one professional reference from:

- ✓ A client
- ✓ A fellow trainer
- ✓ Another professional familiar with your training skills



THIS PROGRAM IS IDEAL FOR:

- ✓ Professional dog trainers
- ✓ Trainers expanding into medical alert dogs
- ✓ Behavior consultants
- ✓ Experienced positive reinforcement trainers



THIS PROGRAM IS NOT INTENDED FOR:

- ✗ Beginner dog trainers
- ✗ Individuals without clicker training experience
- ✗ Those unable to practice regularly with a dog throughout the program



TIME COMMITMENT

The certification is designed to be completed over approximately one year.

Students should expect to:

- ✓ Attend weekly live online classes
- ✓ Complete weekly assignments
- ✓ Train with their dog 3–4 short training sessions most weeks
- ✓ Submit videos and practical work throughout the program



**PLAN FOR
CONSISTENT
PRACTICE AND
PROGRESS**

BY THE END OF THE PROGRAM, YOU'LL BE PREPARED TO...



EVALUATE SERVICE DOG CANDIDATES

Assess temperament, behavior, health considerations, and suitability for medical alert work.



TRAIN RELIABLE MEDICAL ALERT DOGS

Train scent-based alerts, response behaviors, disability-related tasks, and public access skills.



DEVELOP PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SYSTEMS

Use structured assessments, training plans, documentation, and protocols.



COACH CLIENTS

Support handlers through matching, team training, placement, and follow-up.



EXPAND YOUR CAREER

Add medical alert dog training to your services or strengthen an existing assistance dog program.



BUILD PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

Learn alongside trainers working with medical alert and assistance dogs in different settings and countries.

“ Every reliable medical alert dog begins
with an educated trainer. ”



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MEDICAL ALERT & RESPONSE TRAINING

Learn to train individualized alert, response, and support behaviors for a range of medical and psychiatric disabilities.

Throughout the program, you'll learn training plans for more than 30 medical alert, response, and support behaviors and how to adapt them to the needs of individual clients.





DIABETES



- Alert to hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia
- Retrieve glucose supplies
- Bring a medical bag or medication
- Find another person for assistance
- Activate emergency alert devices



SEIZURE DISORDERS



- Alert to impending seizures
- Respond during and after a seizure
- Retrieve medication or a phone
- Seek help when needed
- Provide grounding and recovery support



PTSD & PSYCHIATRIC CONDITIONS



- Alert to panic attacks and anxiety
- Interrupt harmful or repetitive behaviors
- Perform Deep Pressure Therapy
- Create personal space in crowded environments



POTS, SYNCOPE & OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS



- Alert to physiological changes
- Retrieve water or medication
- Respond following fainting episodes
- Seek assistance
- Perform customized response behaviors



MIGRAINES



- Alert before migraine onset
- Retrieve medication
- Provide comfort during recovery
- Assist with customized response tasks



AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER



- Provide grounding and calming support
- Interrupt repetitive behaviors
- Assist with transitions and routines
- Improve safety and independence

EVERY CLIENT IS DIFFERENT



Learn to customize and combine behaviors to create individualized training plans.



+



The right dog

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Successful partnership



30+ Medical Alert, Response & Support Behaviors



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READY TO APPLY?

Applications are now open for the **December 10, 2026 cohort.**

If you're ready to develop your skills in medical alert dog training, follow the steps below to submit your application.



1

ACCESS THE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS



Visit our online enrollment page to access the required forms and get started.



<https://www.assisteddog.center/course-enrollment-forms>

2

PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION



You'll need:

- ✓ Course Application
- ✓ Trainer Pledge
- ✓ Professional Reference
- ✓ Two short training videos demonstrating:
 - Clicker shaping
 - Luring a behavior of your choice

3

APPLY ONLINE



Submit your completed application materials for review.

Once accepted, you'll receive instructions to register and reserve your place in the cohort.



TUITION

\$4,500 USD

EARLY ENROLLMENT

Enroll by October 30

\$4,000 USD

Save \$500



PAYMENT SCHEDULE



\$500 non-refundable deposit due upon registration



Remaining balance due before the first live class



ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED

Class size is limited so faculty can provide individual feedback and coaching throughout the program.

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