

AKC Canine Clubs-Community Dogs: Week 5
Service, Working, Therapy and Pet Dogs

- Skills Practice. (5 min)
- PowerPoint (25 min total including 10 min blindfold exercise) with pictures, explanations of different jobs dogs have, and videos of the dogs in action and how they impact the lives of the people.
 - Service Dogs: PTSD (show video), Mobility, Guide, Deaf, Deaf and Blind, Diabetic Alert, Seizure Alert, depression and anxiety.
- Experience Blindness Exercise. (10min)
 - Have students pair up and put on blindfolds. Student A has the blindfold on. Student A holds on to student B's elbow while student B leads student A around the room. Then students A and B switch places and repeat the exercise. If possible, you may want to have a guide dog trainer visit and students get to
 - practice working with a guide dog in-training. Or ask a local blind person guide dog team to come in and speak to students about their experience.
 - Working Dogs: Police, Search and Rescue, Narcotics and Explosive Detection, Herding
 - Therapy Dogs: Outline of the test they must pass to be certified as a therapy dog. Pictures and video in nursing homes, hospitals, schools, etc.
 - Pet Dogs: Agility, Conformation, Obedience class, dancing with your dog.
- Search and Rescue Demonstration. (15 min)

This demo would be great if there was a guest speaker. If a guest visitor is unable to come, do your own demonstration of "hide and seek." Using shaping behavior, we can teach the dog to "find it." Start by having a student run away from the dog with a toy and have the student hide behind a door. The dog is able to watch the person run away and see where the student hides. Then let the dog go while saying "find it." When the dog reaches the person, throw a big party playing with the toy and lots of praise. Repeat this a few times. Then you can start having the person running away and hiding while the dog cannot see the person. Always throw a big party when the dog finds the person. Students can take turns hiding. This is also an opportunity for students to practice the skills they learned on how to play with a dog a couple weeks ago.
- Take-Home Sheet