

The Canine Emergency Dialer Button Turns Service Dogs into First Responders

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-- Service dog trainer Suzanne Brean, the founder of the non-profit Dogs for Invisible Disabilities, trains service dogs to assist their owners, so she knows firsthand the remarkable abilities that service dogs possess to make the daily activities of the disabled easier. Brean's new project is finding help for service dog owners who need help, not when they're awake and alert, but when they're unconscious or unresponsive. Her [Kickstarter crowdfunding campaign](#) to raise \$50,000 by October 8 is seeking support for the Canine Emergency Dialer Button, a project that combines modern technology with man's best friend.



Her work has given her insights into the world of the disabled in ways that can change their lives. Canine intelligence and good training have transformed the capacity of the disabled to function more independently and Brean wants to expand that capacity. Her profession as a dog trainer convinced her that not only service dogs, but also pets, can be taught to provide aid to owners in need. In her search for a device that could be activated by a service dog whose partner is unresponsive or in need of help, she discovered a system which dials multiple numbers, and another which plays a pre-recorded number, but not one which does both. When she found Assistive Technology Services, which calls up to three numbers and delivers a pre-recorded message, she thought her search had ended. But the problem is that this technology relies on a pendant which needs to be activated when the person needs assistance; someone who is unresponsive would not be able to do this.

She realized that dogs can learn a lot. So if the pendant were fitted into the dialer case, the dog could be trained to [press the large button](#), activating the pendant which would then activate the dialer to summon help.

Brean is planning to produce an instructional video which would show the owner how to train the dog to use the button.

She's currently working with a patent attorney to initiate the patent application process. She's also partnering with a local company that makes injection molds in order to manufacture the button. The final production will have a colored button in the red or violet color spectrum so the dog can see it, with a different-colored base for contrast. The next phase will be the packaging process.

The word from her contacts is that, with crowdfunding backing, the initial quantity of buttons and dialers can be large enough to reduce the cost of the products. The plastics manufacturer has

assured Brean that this project is an easy one to do, and the dialer manufacturer is [already on board](#).

After specializing as a service dog trainer for Dogs for Invisible Disabilities, Brean decided to follow up on the recommendations to start her own dog training business. My Little Dog Training Business gives pets the same care and training that service dogs receive. Brean, who recently became a pet tech certified instructor and is also certified as an AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC), is qualified to administer the CGC tests to pet dogs. Other courses that she offers include PetSaver CPR, first aid, and care classes for pet owners who want to be sure they know how to take care of their pets in an emergency situation. Groups are also welcome; she teaches dog obedience through the Linn-Benton Community College's Lebanon and Sweet Home centers.

Brean admires the traits that service dogs display in their care for their owners, and she has seen how everyday, ordinary pets can also be taught those same techniques. "I can share my knowledge on pet first aid with many more pet parents," Brean promises.

About Canine Emergency Dialer Button

Service dog trainer Suzanne Brean, founder and owner of My Little Dog Training Business (www.mylittledogtrainingbiz.com), has developed the Canine Emergency Dialer Button, a means for service dogs to obtain help for unresponsive owners by pressing a button which will play a pre-recorded message to summon an emergency response. Rewards for the different donor levels include the Bluetooth-to-landline adapter which connects a landline device in order to dial out with a cellphone's Bluetooth capabilities; the button, dialer, and pendant; the complete Canine Emergency kit along with a pet first aid kit; as well as the gratitude of Brean and all the people who will benefit from having their pets learn how to be first responders in an emergency.

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