

WATCHDAWG APP ALLOWS GUIDE DOG PUPPY RAISERS TO TRACK AND ORGANIZE BASIC TRAINING TASKS ON YOUR WRIST

Presenting WatchDawg, an intuitive and easy to use watch and mobile app directed towards raising a future service animal.

ATHENS, Georgia, September 16, 2021 – Series VI, a group of students at the University of Georgia, yesterday launched a new iOS and Apple Watch application that helps puppy raisers for the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind log basic training exercises.

When a team of New Media Institute students were tasked with developing an iOS application primarily for the Apple Watch, the group was inspired by one of its own members. Team member Morgan Wiese trains a future service animal for the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind and wondered how an iOS application could simplify the process of training. Without any application to track service animal training, puppy raisers must refer to the complex puppy raiser manual online. It became evident that training a future service animal takes an extensive amount of time, energy, and organization.

WatchDawg takes away the stress of puppy raising by keeping all your dog's training information in one place: your wrist. Keeping on top of training has never been so easy. WatchDawg lets you select from a list of obedience tasks and log information about your dog's performance. If you need a reminder on how to conduct basic obedience tasks, WatchDawg provides short, animated tutorials of commands. You can also select the "Walk" feature, which tracks pace. This feature also allows puppy raisers to input comments about the dog. WatchDawg keeps all this information so puppy raisers can view the progress of their training.

"Our primary hope with WatchDawg is to make training for the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind as simple as possible," said Maya Giro, creator of WatchDawg. "There is so much work that goes into training these dogs, it's incredible. WatchDawg has all of the information a puppy raiser could need right on the wrist."

If you are a puppy raiser or want to track your dog's training, go to [guidedogfoundation.org](https://www.guidedogfoundation.org) and download the app for iOS. Download the companion app for the Apple Watch. WatchDawg will ask for some basic information on your dog before you can log your dog's training activities.

"WatchDawg has made my life as a puppy raiser so much easier," says Sonia Marte, a puppy raiser in Athens. "I've been logging all the training I've done with my dog and WatchDawg keeps track of it for me. It's so nice to have all of Rudy's information in one place."

If you want to learn more or become involved in puppy raising, visit [guidedogfoundation.org](https://www.guidedogfoundation.org) today.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: Who is the WatchDawg app designed for?

A: WatchDawg is designed specifically for guide dog trainers, however anyone can use it to assist them in training their dog.

Q: What does WatchDawg do?

A: This app assists in dog training via a variety of features, including training prompts, daily summaries, a rating system, and more.

Q: Does WatchDawg cost money?

A: No, WatchDawg is completely free.

Q: Is WatchDawg available on the iPhone?

A: Although WatchDawg is specially designed for the Apple Watch, it is also compatible with the iPhone.

Q: What makes WatchDawg different from other dog training apps?

A: WatchDawg is specifically tailored towards the training of guide dogs.

Q: Does WatchDawg have any special features?

A: WatchDawg utilizes assistive technology, allowing trainers to operate the app using muscle movements such as pinching the fingers or squeezing the hand.

Q: Does WatchDawg utilize haptic technology?

A: Yes, WatchDawg sends notifications and badges with vibrations which uses haptic technology

Q: Can I play music while utilizing WatchDawg?

A: Yes, WatchDawg has a media function that enables trainers to play music while using the app.

Q: Can I enable WatchDawg notifications?

A: Yes, you can set up WatchDawg notifications in Settings.

Q: Does WatchDawg have a dark mode?

A: Yes, WatchDawg has a dark mode.

Q: Can WatchDawg connect to the health app?

A: Yes, WatchDawg can connect to the health app.

Q: Is it easy to use?

A: Yes, WatchDawg is very user-friendly and easy to learn how to use.

Q: Is it compatible with the Apple Watch's Always On display mode?

A: Yes, WatchDawg is compatible with the Always On display mode.

Q: Do I need to have prior experience with dog training in order to use this app?

A: Although you do not need to have prior experience with dog training to use this app, WatchDawg is specifically designed to be used by people who have experience in dog training.

Q: Can I use WatchDawg if I don't have an Apple Watch?

A: Yes, you can use the Apple Watch's accompanying iOS app. However, the primary purpose of this app is to store information on your wrist for convenience.

Q: Can I delete information that I logged in the app previously?

A: Yes, you can delete any inputted information through the iOS app.

Q: How can I find out more about becoming a puppy raiser?

A: To learn more information about raising future service animals, visit guidedogfoundation.org

Q: Is WatchDawg a reliable source for training tips?

A: WatchDawg follows the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind's training manual. The tips and tutorials on WatchDawg are not the only methods that can be used to train a successful dog.

Q: How do I enable assistive touch on WatchDawg?

A: Assistive touch features can be activated in Settings > Accessibility > Assistive Touch

Q: Do I have to create an account?

A: Yes. In order to store your information, you are required to create an account when you start using WatchDawg.

Q: Can I view profiles of multiple dogs at once?

A: No. You can create profiles for multiple dogs on the iOS app. However, you can only view one dog at a time on the Apple Watch application.

Q: How do I reset my password?

A: If you need to reset your password, click the "forgot password" option on login page.

Q: Is WatchDawg easy to use?

A: Yes, training a future service animal has never been easier. WatchDawg stores useful training tips and information about your dog in one location on your wrist.

Q: What is the main purpose of puppy raising?

A: To learn more about training future service animals, visit guidedogfoundation.org

Q: Is WatchDawg easy to use?

A: WatchDawg is extremely easy to use and is accessible for all. The application uses a simple layout of training selections that makes logging information simple.

