

Weekly Report 14
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Observation

This week in ISM allowed for an in-depth look at the day to day life of a service dog trainer teaching a training class. It was interesting to see what skills the dogs in the dogs' work on every week. The relationships the dog had with their owners was something that I wanted to see, because a large part of the service dog training process is creating a bond between the dog and the owner.

The skills the dogs learned as a part of their curriculum was focused around aiding their owners mobility. The dogs in the class learned with positive food reinforcement. From research done thus far in the year, positive food reinforcement allows for the most long term success with the dogs as they want to please their owners. The future observing a training class for medical alert would be beneficial, because this is geared more toward what I am studying for original work which is creating a financial plan. For the original work process it would also be beneficial to speak with business owners about how to limit their expenses in order to create the most profit.

In the next few weeks, class curriculum is going to be something that is focused on, because it is a large part of the day to day duties of a trainer. Overall, being able to watch someone who has such a passion for their work was such a great experience. I am looking forward to continue to learn more about the work that goes into owning a training business.