

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in to add my support to B&B K-9/Paws & Badges. This is so much more than a dog training facility. To start with, Paws & Badges is a non-profit dedicated to getting service dogs to those suffering from PTSD and they do it free of charge. The dog is free and so is the extensive training needed to make sure the dog behaves like a true service dog should but also so that the recipient is knowledgeable as well. They provide a critical need for those suffering from PTSD. Regarding B&B K-9, as a foster parent (and dog owner) this is the place I go for so many more reasons than just puppy obedience lessons. B&B K-9 is where I went, as a foster parent, to help children overcome their fear of big dogs (Mike's dogs are so very well behaved and gentle) and it is where I go to introduce these kids to a retired KPD Officer to teach them that the police are not scary/bad people. Mike and Amanda have the biggest hearts of anyone I've ever met and are always willing to go out of their way to help people.

If I step away from my own experiences with B&B K-9/Paws & Badges and speak to this situation more logically, I have this to say.

1. They only train 1:1 with the dog and family and the training sessions last between 1 and 1.5 hours. There are no large puppy obedience classes to cause a ruckus.
2. They do have a larger group training, but that is through Paws & Badges working with PTSD training. These dogs already know basic obedience, and this only happens 1 time a week when they have a PTSD class in training.
3. Given points 1 & 2, there won't be a large volume of traffic coming and going to cause a disturbance.
4. If the business closes, it doesn't mean the German Shepherd Dogs that live there will go away. Those are a part of their family.
5. If the business closes, it doesn't mean that any of the modifications made/installed will go away.

If B&B K-9/Paws & Badges were closed at this location, the only thing that would change is that there are countless numbers of people who would lose access to a wonderful service that not only saves lives but also helps families.

Sincerely,

Attie Lewis
Customer
Foster Parent
Friend