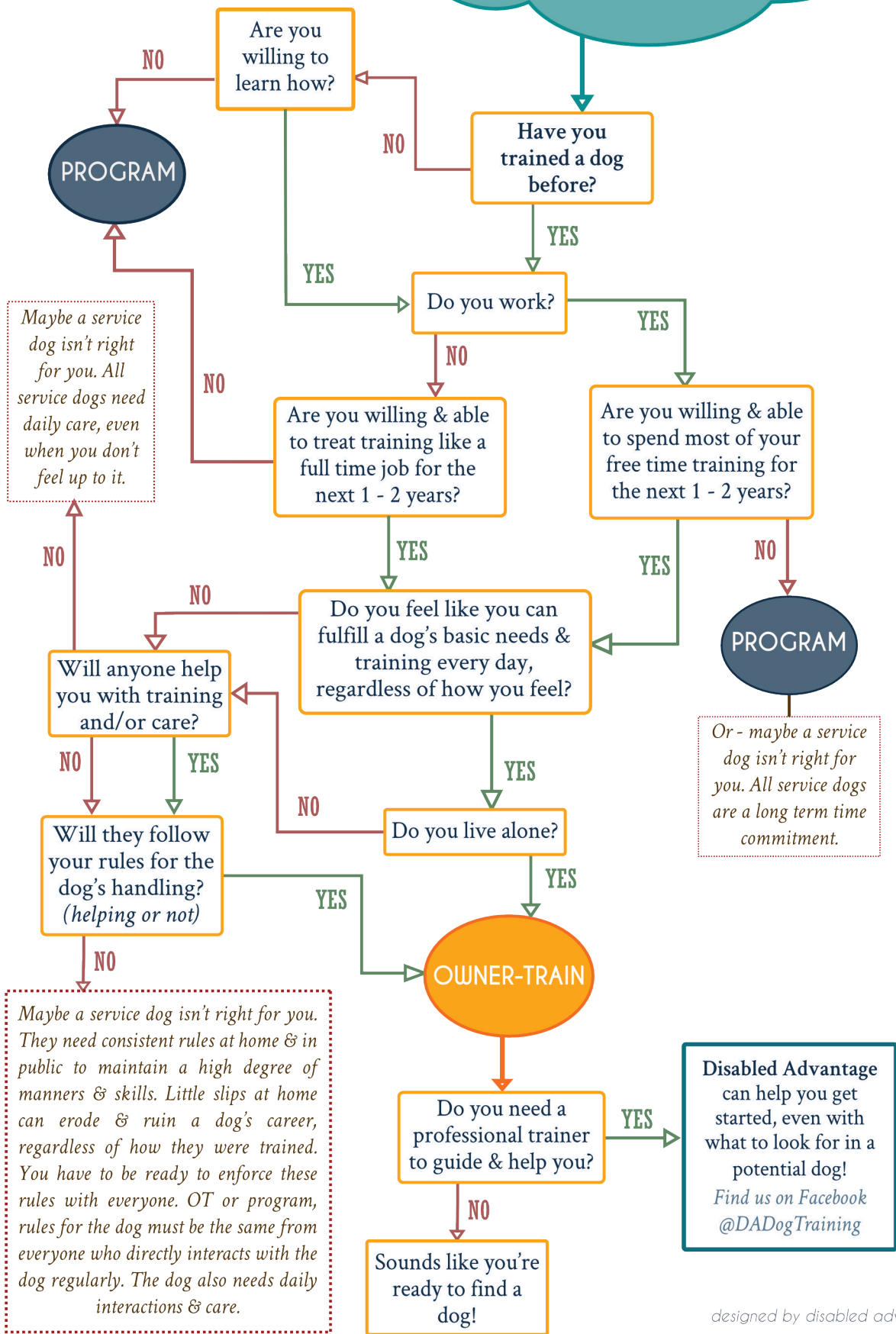


Should I train my own service dog or go through a program?



Other Thoughts...

O-T = Not Free. Costly in your time, pain, & starting costs

Program = FREE → \$20,000+

Board & train option; own pros/cons

Breed you need/want may not be what a program uses

Expect to need \$1,000 - 3,000 to start owner training for the first 1-2 years for basic care, gear, and training guidance

What are your own limitations?

Young puppy or older puppy to start (8mo - 14mo)?; what can you handle?

If you have anxiety, you will need to push your comfort threshold at times for the sake of your dog's training and/or having an SD could bring extra attention