FSD Terminology:

3Ds : Distance, Duration and Distraction

ADoHR: Associate Director of Health & Reproduction (Stephanie Guild)

ADoDT : Associate Director of Dog Training (David Neff)

BCL : Behavior Checklist

Engage / Disengage : A stationary method of working through distractions where you first mark and reward the moment the dog looks at a distraction and slowly work your way toward marking and reinforcing the moment the dog looks at a distraction and then refocuses on you as the handler

ENS : Early Neurological Stimulation

FSD : Freedom Service Dogs

HWP : Heartworm Preventative

IC : Impulse Control

IFT : In for Training / In Formal Training

IFTA : In for Training Assessment

LLW : Loose Leash Walking

OOS : Out of Sight (generally used in reference to duration of cues)

OOP : Out of Play (generally used in reference to recall)

PCA : Primary Cue Assessment; done at 3mo, 4mo, 6mo, and 10mo. Must achieve a passing score of 20/24 in order to move onto Secondary Cues

PDC : Puppy Development Coordinator (Karen Perez)

PDev/PD : Puppy Development

PDT3: Puppy Development Trainer (Ashley Ayers)

PDT1 : Puppy Development Trainer (Bailey Powell)

PHC : Puppy Health Coordinator (Kris Oberle)

PORTL : Portable Operant Research and Teaching Lab – A method of helping raisers learn about marker based rewards and putting themselves in the position of both teacher and learner

PP/PPace : Perfect Pace, a head collar sometimes utilized by the Puppy Development staff
PTKCP : Prison Trained K9 Companion Program

R+/+R : Positive Reinforcement

RP : Relaxation Protocol

SCA : Secondary Cue Assessment; done anywhere between 6mo-IFT if the dog is ready. Must achieve a passing score of 26/30 in order to move onto Service Cues

SDiT : Service Dog in Training

SerCA : Service Cue Assessment

Silky Leash : A training methodology which helps teach the dog to respond to the lightest touch on the leash

Sniffy Walk : Taking your puppy on a walk using a long line (10-15ft). During this walk, your puppy is allowed to walk out of position, interact with their environment and sniff the ground. Your puppy should not be pulling on leash, chasing distractions, vocalizing or any other behavior which would normally be discouraged. Prior to taking your puppy on a Sniffy Walk they must be able to recall in the presence of distractions and walk nicely on a 4-6ft working leash

Tiny Tots (TT) : Puppies placed with raisers instead of going to the Prison Program. Generally placed around 8wks of age

TTouch : Tellington Touch – Handling and massage techniques utilized to help promote a healthy relationship between animals and their handlers