



USK9 UNLIMITED TRAINER'S COURSE CURRICULUM

This course prepares students to conduct in-service training for police K9 functions of detection and patrol work including specific instruction in the following areas:

- Tactical deployment
- Search and seizure law
- Trailing
- Evidence search
- Handler protection
- Selection and testing of police dog prospects
- Criminal apprehension
- Building searches
- Decoy techniques

The USK9 curriculum includes 12 weeks of extensive hands on training, coursework, quizzes and a cumulative final exam. Trainers are required to be on site for training Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.

Learning Outcomes:

- Students will demonstrate knowledge of and application of the proper handling, nutrition, and applied K9 conditioning.
- Students will demonstrate written and oral communication skills appropriate for the K9 handling field.
- Students will demonstrate decision-making and personal conduct consistent with the professional standards of the K9 training field.

I. Introduction and Goals

- A. Proper dog testing and selection
 1. Breed
 2. Drives- retrieve and hunting drive
 3. Nerves and stress
 4. Temperament and sociability
 5. Health issues
- B. Housing of K9s
- C. Handler selection, handler replacement, retraining issues
- D. K9 proposals

- E. Power point presentations and related quizzes
 1. K9 nose
 2. Kennel safety/procedures
 3. Vet animal husbandry
 4. Veterinary first aid
 5. Vet olfactory and limitations
 6. Training aid preparation
- F. Manual discussions
- G. Overview of training

II. Canine Learning Theory & Behavior

- A. Dog behavior
- B. Learning theory and training
 1. Operant conditioning
 2. Classical conditioning
 3. Chaining behaviors & stimuli
 4. De-conditioning
 5. Reward and corrections
- C. Power point presentations and related quizzes
 1. Principles of conditioning
 2. Reading K9 behavior
- D. Manual discussions
- E. Overview of previous training

III. Obedience

- A. Training in Drive
- B. Reward & Correction
- C. Practical Obedience Training
 1. Heeling on and off leash
 2. Motion exercises
 3. Recalls
 4. Hand Signals
- D. Practical Agility Training
 1. Jumping and Climbing
 2. Slick Floors
 3. Open Stairs
- E. Power point presentations and related quizzes
 1. Components of a command
 2. Obedience

IV. Patrol Functions: Training

- A. Drives & drive development
- B. Prey drive development
- C. Defense drive development
- D. Drive channeling
- E. Protection skills
 - 1. Apprehension
 - 2. Handler Defense
 - 3. Out and Guard
 - 4. Transports
 - 5. Area Searches
 - 6. Building Searches
 - 7. Multiple Suspects
 - 8. Passive Apprehensions
 - 9. Call Backs & Call Off's
- F. Decoy training
 - 1. Sleeve work
 - 2. Bite suit
 - 3. Hidden sleeve, muzzle work and civil protection
- G. Power point presentations and related quizzes
 - 1. Decoy work
 - 2. Patrol K9 use of force
- H. Manual discussions
- I. Overview of training

V. Scent Work

- A. Scent theory
- B. Scent discrimination tracking/trailing
 - 1. Hunt drive shaping
 - 2. Beginning trails
 - 3. Scent articles
 - 4. Corners
 - 5. Split trails
- C. Narcotics & Explosives Detection
 - 1. Training aids: preparation & storage
 - 2. Alerts: aggressive & passive
 - 3. Scent discrimination: The Multiple Imprint
 - 4. Separation
 - 5. Vehicles
 - 6. Building
 - 7. Search techniques
 - 8. Problem solving
 - 9. Advanced detection issues
 - 10. Interdiction

- D. Article search
- E. Power points and related quizzes
 - 1. Tracking presentation
 - 2. Package and luggage searches
 - 3. Vehicle searches
 - 4. Currency testing
- F. Manual discussions
- G. Overview of training

VI. Administration

- A. Case Law: Apprehension
- B. Case Law: Detection
- C. Record keeping
- D. Training regimen
- E. Art of record keeping power point and related quiz
- F. Manual discussions
- G. Overview of previous training

VII. Keeping the Explosives & Keeping Records

- A. ATF licensing
- B. Contamination issues, sterilization procedures, preparation of training aids
- C. Training records
- D. Deployment records
- E. Practical application

VIII. Certification & Maintenance Training

IX. K9 Policy & Guidelines for Use of K9

X. First Aid and Dog Care

XI. Liability & Negligence Issues

XII. Legal Issues & Testimony

- A. Proper court preparation presentation
- B. Practical application and completion or related quizzes

Final Exam

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