



Charon K9 Solutions, LLC

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Narcotics Detection K9 and Handler School

Charon K9 Solutions, LLC is proud to offer a full training program for Narcotics detection K9's and their handlers. We have a well established program that will meet your high standards and extraordinary needs.

There is more to narcotics detection than just training the dog how to search for, locate, and alert on the specific odors associated with narcotics. The success of the detection team relies heavily on the K9 handler and their ability to work with the dog. As you will see below, the training of the handler is a primary focus of ours after the delivery of a stable, social and driven detection dog.

The Handler:

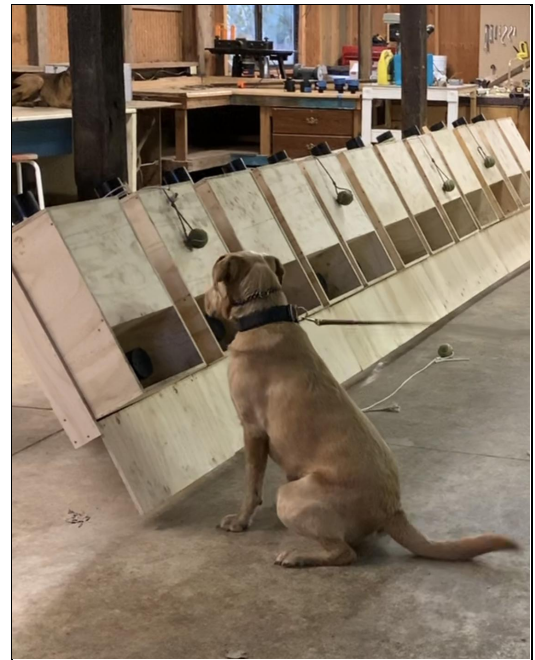
The following outlines the learning objectives our handler school will cover and what we expect the handler to demonstrate competency in when leaving our school with their K9.

- ***Canine Care and Maintenance*** - Basic veterinary health care, first aid, physiology, feeding, and caretaking of a working detection canine.
- ***Canine behavior and foundational training techniques*** - The handler will be presented and taught the most current, up to date theories and industry practices for training, working and maintaining a detection dog.
 - Foundational obedience training for the working detection dog.
 - Leash handling.
 - Scent and odor theory, understanding “odor”.
 - Creating and maintaining stability for the working detection dog.
 - Imprintation on odors, creation and maintenance of the desired conditioned response (alert).
 - Various types of alerts, benefits and deficiencies of each.
 - Building and maintaining drive and work ethic in the detection dog.
 - Increasing obedience to odor, increasing working independence and preventing permissiveness in the working detection dog.

- ***Handling the detection dog*** - Effective handling of the detection dog is paramount to ensure consistent and predictable working results.
 - Leash handling during deployments.
 - When to deploy the narcotics detection K9.
 - Various deployment techniques, patterns and strategies to increase safety, efficiency, flexibility and effectiveness of the detection K9 team. This includes realistic scenario based training, preparing the handler and dog for working Urban, Sub-urban and wilderness environments.
 - Deployment techniques for interior, open area and vehicle searches.
 - Identification of Changes Of Behavior (COBs), Alerts and odor recognition.
 - Threat assessment, identification and response.
 - Decision making techniques.
 - Team attachment, team utilization.

The Dogs:

Dog selection is a key component to the success of each detection team. Charon K9 Solutions has a comprehensive assessment that each dog must pass before it is considered as a candidate for our detection program. Breed, size, health, drive and sociability are all necessary traits identified and considered before selection into our program. The preferred breeds for detection are: Labrador Retriever, German Shorthair Pointer and other “hunting” retrievers, pointers or spaniels for single purpose needs. Breeds also excellent for detection and additionally suitable for dual purpose work include the Belgian Malinois, Dutch Shepherd and German Shepherd. We believe sociability to be critical in a Police detection dog. This trait also makes the dog more effective and less distracted. The fact that the dog will be working in close proximity to law enforcement agents, staff, and civilians requires that the dog be cooperative, non-threatening and approachable.



All the dogs come with guarantees for good health, temperament and working traits for the first year following placement. If at any time within the first year a dog develops any problems (other than injuries), we will find a replacement dog at no additional costs and within a reasonable amount of time. After the first two years we will consider the

problem on an individual basis and determine the best resolution for both “The Client” and Charon K9 Solutions, LLC.

The Training Program:

Your K9 and handler will be exposed to a variety of detection training concepts and theories, both in the classroom and in scenario based training. The training program will be tailored to your department’s needs and handler availability. Charon K9 Solutions, LLC, will train your dog and handler in a variety of locations. Our facility in Canby, Oregon will be made available during scheduled training hours. Instructors will also travel to predetermined training locations in and around the Portland Metro area. Subsequently, the training will be between 3-6 hours a day, during assigned duty hours. This scheduling eliminates overtime/back fill coverage for the K9 Officer needing to travel, minimizing scheduled training time away from the department. On occasion, there will be times of special need for solving night problems or other special circumstances requiring some flex hours, though we will do everything in our power to minimize disruption to your existing needs.

The basic class will be approximately 100-120 hours covered over a five to six-week period. The time frame is flexible, based on the handler and dog’s skills and trainability. The course is to start on the date of your request. A completion certificate will be issued at the conclusion of the program.

Basic narcotics detection trains the K9 in detecting narcotic odors:

1. Cocaine, methamphetamines and heroin are primary target odors.
2. MDMA, firearms (and associated odors) and marijuana can be added depending on departmental policy or client needs.

The Facility:

Charon K9 Solutions is located on a 5.2 acre property just South of Canby, OR. Aside from the main home, the entire property is available for



our existing clients. Charon K9 utilizes 2 outbuildings and an extensive outdoor agility course to train and develop the K9’s in our working dog program. For the training of odor detection dogs, HK9 offers a 36 foot / 39 port scent wall, a 12 box Hare Wall and a fully furnished 1 bedroom training apartment for interior scenario based training

exercises. We provide a large open area with various degrees of vegetative cover for area search training.

Proposed Cost and Training provided:

The total cost of this program is \$13,500.00 to be paid at the onset of the course.

The total program cost includes:

The selected canine: \$5500, if you have an existing K9 suitable for odor detection work, this cost can be subtracted from the total cost.

140 hour handler school:\$5500

3 months, 8 hrs per month maintenance training: \$2500, if you are living out of state or can not attend this recommended maintenance program this cost can be subtracted from the total cost.

In addition, the following will be included: all handouts, on call response in the field for advice or evaluation, court appearance and testimony (at additional cost) during the first year if needed or requested.

If you have any further questions regarding the company and our services please do not hesitate to contact me.



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Odor Detection K9 and Handler School, 140 hr, 7 week Syllabus

The course will follow a basic schedule outline. The timelines will vary depending on the abilities of both handler and dog.

WEEK ONE: **Theory Discussion:** in classroom

1. The dogs abilities and expectations
2. How to shape desired behavior for alert
3. Weather effects on odor and canine
4. Safe handling, storage, and transportation of source odors
5. Interval training/ deployment/ rest times and keeping track
6. Officer and canine safety during searches
7. Written test

Practical application and training

1. Basic obedience
2. Box work
3. Odor imprint and shaping desired behavior for alert
4. Introduction of first odor
5. leash techniques
6. Dog/handler team evaluation

WEEK TWO: **Theory discussion:** in classroom

1. Scent movement/scent cone
2. How and why to train for pinpoint alerts
3. Search patterns
4. Discuss searching hazards

Practical application and training

1. Basic obedience
2. Box work: Reinforce behavior to alert on odor and new odor
3. Train the pinpoint alert
4. Intro to stairs and doorways/seams
5. Intro to directional controls
6. Introduction to area searches /wind scent odors
7. Building searches
8. Introduction to Classrooms

WEEK THREE

Theory Discussion: in classroom

1. Proofing; why, when and how
2. Misleading scents and outside distractions
3. Intro to booby traps
4. Blank searches

Practical application and training

1. Basic obedience
2. Introduce next new odor
3. Continue environmental exposure including misleading scents/distractions
4. Introduction to vehicle searches
5. Practice officer safety and awareness
6. Off leash area search / wind scent

WEEK FOUR

Theory Discussion: in classroom

1. Report writing
2. Training documentation
3. Affidavit of Expertise
4. Interval training

Practical application and training

1. Basic obedience
2. Reinforce behavior to alert on next odor
3. Continue varying environments

4. Vehicle searches

WEEK FIVE

Theory discussion: in classroom

1. Case law identification and discussions
2. Courtroom testimony
3. Review Affidavit of Expertise
4. Populated area searches

Practical application and training

1. Basic obedience
2. Proofing odors/ search patterns/ scenario

WEEK SIX:

Theory discussion: in classroom

1. Address any questions or issues the handler may have
2. Review certification procedures

Practical application and training

1. Obedience
2. Proofing odors/ search patterns/ scenarios

WEEK SEVEN

1. Certification