

Dog Talk

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IDK9 October Workshop

I am happy to announce that IDK9 will be holding a Basic Disaster Dog workshop October 16,17,18 in Winchester, Kentucky. This workshop will be appropriate for beginner USAR dogs and wilderness dog teams looking for basic disaster experience. Please e-mail me if you are interested in additional information.

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9/11 SAR Dog Study

Dr. Cindy Otto at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine is still conducting the 9/11 SAR Dog study. If your dog ever participated in this study, it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact Amanda Downend, study director, to provide follow-up regarding your dog. Please contact Amanda at adownend@vet.upenn.edu and respond to the following questions:



IF YOUR DOG IS STILL ALIVE...

1. What is the general state of his/her health now (any underlying medical conditions)?
2. Is your dog still a SAR dog? if not, why not?
3. Are you still a SAR dog handler?

IF YOUR DOG HAS PASSED AWAY...

1. Was he/she euthanized?
2. What was the cause of death or reason for euthanasia?
3. What was the date of death (approximate is ok)?

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☆☆☆☆ Kudos to..... ☆☆☆☆

DOGTALK is pleased to announce that the following Canine Search Teams have recently gained certification (or re-certification) as FEMA US&R Canine Search Specialists:

☆☆ Dayton, OH - June 2009

Handler	Canine	Task Force
Sally Zaher	Pepper	OH-TF1
Melissa Newman	Chloe	OH-TF1
Susan Veith	ChicoDog	MO-TF1
Doree Donovan	Faith	NM-TF1
Ethan Gladney	Hunter	TN-TF1
Ron Sanders	Ondo	VA-TF1
Margaret Stewart	Bo	CA-TF1
Scott Zins	Callie	CA-TF1
Christina Ridge	Doc	IN-TF1
Jeff Sells	Cody	WA-TF1
Laura Kane	Frankie	MD-TF1
Rich Grant	Jed	MD-TF1



Officials Try to Shield Police, Military Dogs from Canine Flu

Following an outbreak of H3N8 canine influenza in Fairfax County, Va., which by Friday had left one dog dead and dozens quarantined with flu-like symptoms, county officials are trying to safeguard local working military and police canines. "The things we really look for are vomiting, diarrhea and if they seem fatigued in the field during training," said Army Sgt. 1st Class William Etheridge, kennel master at the 212th Military Police Detachment's canine unit, located on Fort Belvoir. Etheridge is scrubbing the kennels daily and bathing the dogs regularly, at least once a week. Because ticks are common on the heavily wooded base, he and the handlers inspect the dogs often throughout the day and would notice if they were sick. While off base and out in the community, military dogs run the risk of coming into contact with sick dogs or contaminated areas. "The virus can survive for up to 48 hours on clothes and hair." The flu can spread from one dog to another on the street by secretions, such as saliva on a fire hydrant. But the places of greatest concern are those where large populations of dogs are kept in close proximity, such as a shelter or boarding facility. Although coughing is not uncommon among dogs, it could signal flu. Dogs with H3N8 are most contagious when they are not showing symptoms.

Source:

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/health/Officials-Shield-Dogs-From-Canine-Flu.html>

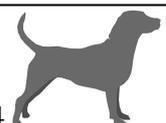
Check this event out on their website...



I Support K9 Veterans Day

MARCH 13th

They served to save, and they deserve to be remembered
k9veteransday.org



Willow

Willow, my 15 years old Lab, lost her battle with just plain old age. It was time to let her go and cross that Rainbow Bridge. She was the love of my life and a very devoted partner. Willow was deployed to Hurricane Floyd, World Trade Center on 9/11, the floods in Pennsylvania, Republic Convention and Katrina. Willow will always be known for her love of food and treats. She was a thief beyond all of stealing food, but my family loved her and will always miss her.

Bobbie Snyder
Pennsylvania Task Force One



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