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**Service Dog Eye Exams** 

**Working Canine Critical Care Clinic** 

Kudos to...

**US&R** Calendar

In memory of...Charlie

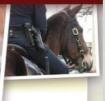
**Vet Advisory Group clarification** 

#### SERVICE DOG EYE EXAMS

These eye exams are also available for search dogs....







The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists® (ACVO)® will host its fifth public service event providing <u>free eye exams</u> to Service Animals, May, 2012. Approximately 200 ACVO® board certified veterinary ophthalmologists will donate their services to provide complimentary screening eye examinations to animals across America and Canada. It is anticipated that through these efforts, Service Animal health can be improved and potential disease averted for thousands.

Please share this important information with your Service Animal clients.



Dr. Catherine Nunnery at VCA Veterinary Referral Associates will donate her services Mondays and Thursdays in May.

Qualification information and registration available at:

www.ACVOEyeExam.org



Registration is open April 2012 Complimentary eye screenings take place May 2012

For more information about Dr. Nunnery please see www.vcavra.com.







#### 2012 Working Canine Critical Care Clinic

Cost: \$150 (Course is limited to 20 working spots)

Dates: September 22 & 23
Location: Calamityville
506 E. Xenia Dr. Fairborn, Ohio 45324

#### This is a hands-on two day course

- Students are responsible for care and clean-up of their K9 and will keep them on lead at all times.
- Hotel Accomodations:
   Baymont Inn and Suites, Wright Patterson AFB
   730 East Xenia Drive
   Fairborn, OH 45324
   937-754-9109
   K9 partners are welcome; \$80 per night per double room.
  - Reference Room Block: Calamityville
- Spots are limited. Interested persons should complete the registration form and e-mail it to:

info@ohiodisastersearchdogs.org

A follow up email will confirm your registration with instructions on where to mail payment.

Please direct any questions to:

Athena Haus @ 937-604-9725 or athena@k9karma.org



#### **Ohio Disaster Search Dogs**

#### WORKING CANINE CRITICAL CARE CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM

| NAME:                     |               |              |  |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| AGENCY:                   |               |              |  |
| MAILING ADDRESS:          |               |              |  |
| CITY:                     | STATE:        | ZIP CODE:    |  |
| CONTACT # (PRIMARY): _    |               | (SECONDARY): |  |
| E-MAIL:                   |               |              |  |
| SPECIALTY & EXPERIENC     | E <b>:</b>    |              |  |
|                           |               |              |  |
| I WILL BE BRINGING MY F   |               | HE COURSE?   |  |
| YES $\square$             | NO 🗌          |              |  |
| IF YES PLEASE FILL OUT TO | HE FOLLOWING: |              |  |
| K9 NAME:                  |               | _ BREED:     |  |
| DISCIPLINES:              |               |              |  |
| CERTIFICATIONS:           |               |              |  |

**ODSD**Periwinkle

2451 Periwinkle Drive Bellbrook, Ohio 45305

#### 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.



#### FEBRUARY 2012 Miami,Florida

| HANDLER            | CANINE      | TASKFORCE |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Julie Padelford    | Lilly-Belle | FL-TF2    |
| Roger Picard       | Cinder      | FL-TF2    |
| Anthony Jacobs     | Storm       | NY-TF1    |
| Deborah Burnett    | Chipper     | TN-TF1    |
| Sue McManus        | Ben         | TN-TF1    |
| Heather Wilkinson  | Sarge       | TN-TF1    |
| James Spence       | Louie       | TN-TF1    |
| Darrell Wilkerson  | Zap         | TN-TF1    |
| Christine Harrison | Aleko       | VA-TF1    |
| Erin Venable       | Pic         | MO-TF1    |
| Lynn Ballard       | Daisy       | MO-TF1    |
| Elaine Smith       | Chico       | VA-TF2    |
| Gary Hay           | Eddie       | IN-TF1    |
| Kathy Petrere      | Chick       | IN-TF1    |
| Anne Dottore       | Ranger      | IN-TF1    |
| Bill Monohan       | Hunter      | CA-TF2    |
| Dennis Clark       | Rugby       | CA-TF2    |
| Andrew Olvera      | Stetson     | CA-TF2    |





#### FEBRUARY 2012 Mira Loma, CA

| HANDLER          | CANINE    | TASKFORCE |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Carol Carlucci   | Sonny     | CA-TF6    |
| Sally Timms      | Echo      | CA-TF6    |
| John Redd        | Nash      | NV-TF1    |
| Margaret Stewart | Во        | CA-TF1    |
| Justin Evans     | Blackjack | NV-TF1    |
| David Vershal    | Jack      | NV-TF6    |
| Mark Lepino      | Baylee    | NV-TF1    |
| Patrick Cox      | Cooper    | WA-TF1    |
| Peter Gross      | Angus     | CA-TF3    |
| Chuck Wong       | Kino      | CA-TF4    |
| Kyle Thomas      | Leila     | CA-TF7    |
| Steve Swaney     | Tank      | CA-TF8    |
| Shawn Kelly      | Dually    | AZ-TF1    |
| Dana Medlin      | Hoss      | AZ-TF1    |





# INTERNAL US&R SYSTEM ACTIVITY CALENDAR JAN 2012-SEPT 2013

| 21-22 Jan<br>Canine Eval<br>CA-TF6<br>Eval Grp 1   |  |   |  |  | 24-26<br>Logistics WG<br>Meeting<br>Denver, CO   | 16-18 Jan<br>Training WG<br>Meeting San<br>Diego, CA   | 16 - 17 Jan<br>Structures<br>Subgroup Mtg<br>Moffett Field, CA | 26-27 Jan<br>FY2012 Budget<br>Meeting<br>FEMA HQ     | January                                 |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| 21-22 Jan         18-19 Feb         24-25 Mar         12-13 May         9-10 Jun         8-9 Sep         6-7           Canine Eval         Ev |  |   | 20-24 Feb<br>NAT'L Level -<br>Plans Course<br>AZ-TF1           |  |  | 3  |  | 8 Feb Strategic Group Meeting Phoenix, AZ            | February                                |
| 24-25 Mar<br>Canine Prep<br>FL-TF2<br>Eval Grp 3   |  |   | 12-16 Mar<br>NAT'L Level -<br>Logistics Course<br>IN-TF1       |  |  |  | March<br>IST WG<br>Meeting<br>Tacoma, WA                       |  | March                                   |
|  | 28-28 Apr<br>StS C-Reg.<br>Trng - CE<br>AZ         |   | 2-6 Apr<br>NAT'I Level Trng<br>Course<br>Tech Search<br>FL-TF2 | 30 April<br>IST Apps Due                           | 9-10 April<br>Assistance Visit<br>MD-TF1         | TBD<br>Technical<br>Assistance Visit<br>WA-TF1   | 16-18 April<br>Canine Subgrp<br>Mtg<br>San Diego, CA           | 28-29 April<br>Structures<br>Regional Trng<br>AZ-TF1 | April                                   |
| 12-13 May<br>Canine Eval<br>IN-TF1<br>Eval Grp 4   |  | 21-25 May<br>Struct Spc I II<br>USACE Trng<br>Moffett Field, CA | 30Apr-4 May NAT'I Level Trng Course Canine Srch VA-TF2         |  | TBD<br>Technical<br>Assistance Visit<br>PA-TF1   | 30-31 May<br>Technical<br>Assistance Visit<br>NM-TF1   |  |  | May                                     |
| 9-10 Jun<br>Canine Eval<br>MA-TF1<br>Eval Grp 5  |  |   | 4-8 June<br>NAT'L Level -<br>Medical Spec<br>CA-TF4            |  | 26 - 28 June<br>WorkGroup<br>Meetings<br>UT-TF1  |  | Jun<br>IST Selection   | 4 Jun Strategic Group Meeting CO-TF1                 | June                                    |
|  | 28-29 Jul<br>StS W-Reg.<br>Trng - CE<br>So.CAL-TBD |   |  |  | 28-30 July<br>Structures<br>Regional Trng<br>TBD | 10-11 Jul<br>Technical<br>Assistance<br>Visit<br>MO-TF1  |  |  | July                                    |
|  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  | August                                  |
| 8-9 Sep<br>Canine Prep<br>WA-TF1<br>Eval Gp 6  |  |   |  |  | 18 - 20 Sep<br>Operations Group<br>CO-TF1        |  |  | 21 Sep<br>Strategic<br>Group<br>Meeting<br>CO-TF1    | September                               |
| 6-7 Oct<br>Canine Eval<br>TN-TF1<br>Eval Gp 7  | 27-28<br>Canine Eval<br>VA-TF2<br>Eval Grp 8       | 28-Oct-Nov-2<br>StS I<br>USACE Trng<br>Moffett Field, CA        | TBD<br>WMD Enhanced<br>Ops<br>Train-the-Trnr<br>NV-TF1         | TBD NAT'L Level - HERS Course CA-TF7               | 24-25 October TFR Mtg MD-TF1                     | 23 Oct<br>SAC Meeting<br>MD-TF1  | 22 Oct<br>Grant Workshop<br>MD-TF1                             |  | August September October November Decer |
| 28-29 Nov<br>Canine Eval<br>TX-TF1<br>Eval Gp 9  | 10-11 Nov<br>StS E-Reg.<br>Tmg - CE<br>TBD         | >   | d NAT'L Level - Medical Spec                                   |  |  |  | •  |  | November                                |
|  |  |   | Comm Spec Course   |  |  |  |  |  | December                                |
| 19-20 Jan<br>Canine Eval<br>AZ-TF1<br>Eval Grp 1   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  | mber January February                   |
| TBD Canine Eval CA-TF2 Eval Grp 2  |  |   |  | 5-7 Feb<br>Nat'l Level - IST<br>Workshop<br>FL-TF1 |  |  |  |  | February                                |
| TBD<br>Canine Eval<br>NY-TF1<br>Eval Grp 3   |  |   | Canine Search Specialist Course FL-TF1                         |  |  | TBD Technical Assistance Visit TBD   |  |  | March                                   |
| TBD<br>Canine Eval<br>MO-TF1<br>Eval Grp 4   |  |   | Planning Team<br>Training<br>CA-TF3                            |  |  | TBD TBD TBD TBD Technical Technical Technical Technical Technical Assistance Visit Assistance Visit Assistance Visit TBD TBD TBD |  |  | April                                   |
|  |  |   | Tech Search Spec Course TN-TF1                                 |  |  | TBD<br>Technical<br>Assistance Visit<br>TBD  |  |  | Мау                                     |
|  |  |   |  |  | WorkGroup<br>Meetings<br>VA-TF2                  | TBD Technical Assistance Visit TBD   |  | SAC Mtg<br>w/FEMA<br>Administrator<br>MD-TF1         | June                                    |
|  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  | July                                    |
|  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  | August                                  |
|  | [6]  |   |  | (Oct 2013)<br>TFR Meeting<br>IN-TF1                | Operations<br>Group Meeting<br>CO-TF1            |  |  |  | September                               |

### Charlie



Picture this, handler (enter Erin Venable) has been looking and looking for her next partner. After many let downs from various breeders and brokers, she finds herself at the local shelter. She is walking up and down the aisles bouncing a tennis ball, seeing if it sparks any interest. The door to the play yard opens, a beagle-looking mix (enter Charlie) is being led in by a volunteer. Then it happens-Charlie spies the bouncing tennis ball! He almost rips the volunteers arm out of the socket trying to get to the ball. Erin says "You adopting that dog?". The volunteer (with a look of are-you-crazy-lady on his face) says "No, all yours". And the rest is history. Named after the award winning bargain wine "Two Buck Chuck", he became a well-known face around MO-TF1.

Charlie was the best first partner anyone could ask for. He taught Erin and our team so much. Known for his laid back demeanor but ferocious love of tennis balls, he will be remembered by many across the system as "that dog from CSS with TWO tennis balls in his mouth". He cruised through his deployment at Hurricane Katrina like a champ. In addition to being prepared to help save lives, he kept team spirits up learning to "play poker" with some of our rescue guys. (I think he even won a hand or two). Charlie's skills did not stop there. He took his retirement very seriously and became the Venable boy's guardian, playmate, snuggler, and best friend.

There will never be another one like him.

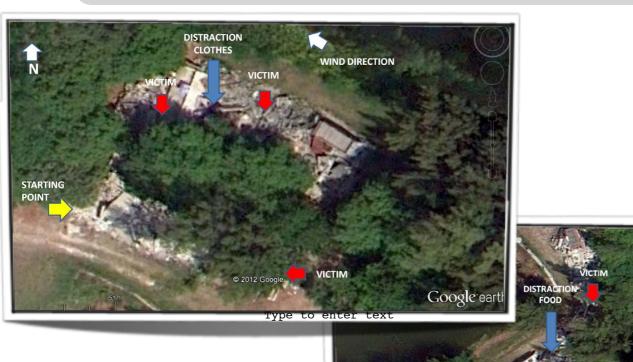
Charlie-you will be missed. We hope your Rainbow Bridge comes equipped with a tennis ball launcher.

Erin-

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

-Your Team

#### SOME PHOTOS FROM CP, MARCH, FLORIDA



#### **USAR VET GROUP**

There has been an on-going investigation into the cause of illness in dogs associated with feeding them chicken jerky treats produced in China. Other foods may be involved. Signs and symptoms include decreased appetite, decreased activity, vomiting, diarrhea, sometimes with blood, increased water consumption and/or increased urination. These may occur within hours of feeding the contaminated food.

Be aware that not all packaging labels include where the product was produced. Some labels indicate the packaging or distribution location as the US, but the product originated from China. Without a specific production location, assume China or another unknown location to be the source and avoid feeding to your dog.

For more information and to report a problem the FDA link is: <a href="http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm280586.htm">http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm280586.htm</a>

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