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Organization's General Goals:

The mission of Cascadia Search Dogs is to contribute to the development of high-quality detection and search dogs through training, education and community service projects.

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2025 Q2	\$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Cascadia Search Dogs.

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Impact Report to Tulalip Cares Charitable Contributions

- Amount Funded: [REDACTED]

- K9 Training

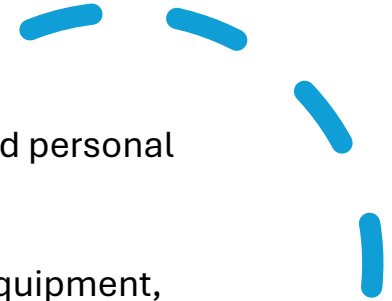
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What We Do

- In 2018 a group of K9 handlers and Search Specialists recognized the lack of specialized search dog training and came together to form Cascadia Search Dogs.
- The mission of Cascadia Search Dogs is to contribute to the development of high-quality detection and search dogs through training, education and community service projects.
- Since our founding, we have hosted an average of 5 specialized workshops per year that have helped local K9 search teams improve the skills of both handlers and dogs.

The Importance of Specialized Training



Training a search dog is expensive! Volunteer search dog handlers voluntarily donate time and personal funds that go beyond what the average search and rescue team member will spend.

We call it the “Cost of Lost”. From costs to acquire a dog, the upkeep and veterinary costs, equipment, to travel and training costs, it adds up.

In Washington State, search dog training is usually done on a peer-based model. This may work fine if a team has enough depth of experience to assist new handlers, but for many teams that isn't the case.

Many find themselves traveling out of state to find Master Trainers that can help them as they grow and develop as a team.

The ability to hold training workshops locally, reduces the time and cost for each handler to get significant, hands-on training that helps them be the best search team they can be!

Expert trainers go beyond basic instruction by providing the technical depth, diagnostic skill and objective evaluation to turn a handler and dog into an effective search unit. They excel at pinpointing subtle root causes of training plateaus or operational failures. By guiding teams through a variety of scenarios, they help build the resilience and stamina required during actual field deployments.





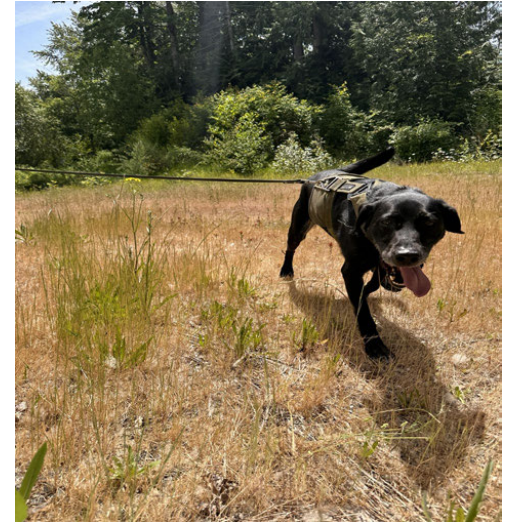
Trailing Workshop

Trailing dogs are the rapid response team in a search! Using a scent article, they search for a specific person and are usually out front in a search where time is of the essence.

Most frequently they are used in Urban areas to locate lost children and older adults with dementia who have walked away from home.

Training a trailing dog is one of the more difficult disciplines to train for as the handler is attached via the leash and can inadvertently affect how the dog works.

For this workshop, 7 local K9 teams spent 3 intense days honing their skills, working in a variety of different environments and scenarios. These teams will go home with information that not only improves their capabilities, but information to share with others on their team.





Area Workshop

Area dogs are force multipliers in a search in that they can cover large areas more quickly than a human can. Working off leash and mainly off trail, these dogs are able to locate any human in the area and lead their handler to their location.

These dogs are most frequently used to find lost hikers and hunters in wilderness areas but can also clear buildings in disaster areas.

Because Area Dogs work off leash, their training focuses on making sure that they can work independently in many different environments and are comfortable going over difficult terrain and in buildings.

For this workshop 13 local teams worked a variety of scenarios that included wilderness locations as well as buildings.

Over three days, each of these teams worked to improve their skills that will help save lives.



Thank You!

We are Grateful to the
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Fund.

Your donation helps
assure that search dog
teams are ready when
the call comes and
helping to save lives
throughout our
community!

