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*K9CX Response Dogs*  
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## **K9CX Response Dogs**

### **PROCUREMENT**

**Initial Training Process:** *Primarily using German Shepard Dogs that are between the age of 6 months -1 year*

An effort will be made to check with the local shelters for this criterion; however, customers wanting to ensure the best chance of longevity of their dog's health would benefit from a European bloodline purebred GSD. The European bloodlines have stricter breeding standards that generally produce healthier dogs which typically do not have the anxiety issues commonly found in many USA lines of GSDs.

*\*Any dog that is not procured from a quality vetted vendor will have a greater chance of a lengthier training process.*

### **DOG'S BASIC INFORMATION**

#### **Trained Detection Odors:**

Ammunition, Black Powder, Cannon Cord, Firearms (New and Old), Fireworks, Knife, Pipe Bombs, Smokeless Powder, Tannerite

Dogs will be pre-trained without the handler during *Weeks 1-4*. After completion, the handler(s) will be paired and incorporated into the training regimen for dog team success.

### **PROGRAM GOALS**

-To provide fully trained explosive detection dogs that will defend against any active threat/shooter situation.

-To defend vulnerable crowds in environments such as sporting events, hospitals, schools, work centers, government buildings, etc.

**The specially trained Response Dogs from K9CX will be well-mannered in all environments and all demographics of people while providing optimal Deterrence, Detection and Defense capabilities with a well-trained handler(s) dependent upon location and coverage.**



## TRAINING PROCESS & TIMELINE

	SKILL DEVELOPMENT	DESCRIPTION OF WORK
<b>Week 1</b>	Basic Obedience and Socialization training	Dog will be taught <i>Recall, Sit, Down, Stay, Heel</i> and how to walk nicely on a <i>Leash</i> . Dog will also be introduced to proper dog boots. The dog will be brought to many different environments, getting them used to being around people while conducting the basic obedience tasks. Dog will start to understand the difference between working and being friendly with people. Dog will be around children, adults, other animals and distractors.
<b>Week 2</b>	Intro to Detection, Intro to Neutral Gunfire, Additional Obedience & Socialization Training	Dog will be introduced/imprinted to all Explosive Odors. Basic level detection training will be conducted. Advancements will be made to the dog's basic obedience, with emphasis on increased confidence and distractor trainings in populated environments. Neutral gunfire will be introduced to the dog to gauge the stress response of the dog to the gunfire.
<b>Week 3</b>	Advancements in Detection Training	Detection will be conducted in an increasing number of areas: Athletic Fields, Buildings, Human-Bourne, Lockers, Vehicles, etc. Week 3 is paired with additional Obedience & Socialization Training.
<b>Week 4</b>	Advancements in Detection Training	Detection will be conducted in areas to include (but not limited to): Arenas, Athletic Fields, Buildings, Buses, Garages, Human-Bourne, Lockers, Medical Facilities, Offices, Open Areas, Playgrounds, Vehicles.  <b>*The dog's final place of employment will determine the level and focus of certain environmental areas.</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	Intro to Bite & Apprehension; Intro to Reactive Gunfire  Handler(s) paired with Dog; Team Scenario Training	Bite work will be introduced and developed. Dog will be taught to bite and hold. Dog will be introduced to a SHOT BOX (Device used to simulate active shooter gun fire) along with cutting instruments. Handler(s) will be teamed up with their dog and will begin bonding.  <b>*Handler(s) will be taught bite work, detection principals, first aid, K9 team safety, obedience and socialization with their dog.</b>





<b>Week 6</b>	Active Shooter Training in multiple venues per training scenarios	<p>Depending on the organization that purchases the dog (and the final place of employment for dog &amp; handler), it will encounter scenarios based on the K-9 team's desired need of the venue and population. Increased variables and distractors are to be shown and worked with the dog.</p> <p>The Dog Team will be incorporated in training events with local law enforcement and first responders in different scenarios at the venue. Dog will understand and differentiate between law enforcement and the threat to ensure officer and bystander safety.</p>
<b>Week 7-8</b>	Advanced Active Threat Training	<p>Dog will train in all environments that they may be involved in at their venue (school, sporting event, work center or large populated gathering area). Dog will be challenged by multiple distractors in realistic detection scenarios. These scenarios will ensure the dog works through the chaos to detect odor.</p> <p>Continued training with law enforcement and security partners will ensure the effectiveness of responding to active threats to mitigate loss of life.</p> <p>Dog Team will be taught to respond to the different threats that may not be "active shooter" but could be stabbing, tazing or burning.</p> <p>Emphasis will be placed on NOT developing a routine within their venue to ensure optimal deterrence of any pre-surveillance that a potential adversary may conduct.</p>

## COMPLETION OF TRAINING

The handler will feel comfortable, capable, and confident with the assigned dog. Depending on the size of venue and threat assessment, additional security measures and/or additional K9CX Response Dog teams may be required. **\*This is meant as a general guideline for team success. Depending on the dog/handler team and venue, additional training days may be required.**

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