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# Trailing Service Dog; (TSD)

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# Acquisition and Training

## Objective

The objective of this proposal is to provide a TSD, (Trailing Service Dog), (Hanover Hound) for the purposes of scent discriminating trailing/ tracking.

## Goals

The goal is to ensure that the K9 is mission ready by September or October 2020 for all portions of this proposal. The handler and K9 will be proficient in obedience, trailing-scent discrimination, and TTT level one certification. The TSD K9 will be ready for trails under two hours and on moderate varied surfaces with minor contamination by this time frame.

## Solution

The Hanover Hound in training at GAK9 for intermediate trailing and initial obedience training. The K9, Mogwai, has been at our facility and in training for 5 months.

## Training of K9

The K9 will be socialized and environmentally desensitized to urban and rural environments prior to deployment.

The K9 will be trained on the GAK9 obstacle course for a variety of climbing, jumping, and obstacle negotiation.

K9 will be trained for Obedience, Tracking/ Trailing

Trailing is the K9 art of following a unique human scent amongst many to an end point. Scent discrimination is part of trailing but it must be understood that scent discrimination is not ever 100%. Errors in han-

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dling of scent evidence and contamination of scent article can create scent discrimination problems and well as failure. Furthermore, dogs can make errors due to genetic predisposition to certain stimuli.

K9 training may be chronologically recorded through photography and video posted to social media and or YouTube.

Training of the handler may be similarly recorded.

### **Training Of K9 Handler**

80 hour Intermediate Trailing, K9 health & Welfare, detection, and obedience handler's course conducted at our South Carolina facility or at the host agency for an extra fee.

#### **Classroom:**

Trailing vs. Tracking, Scent Theory, Courtroom Testimony, basic K9 handling techniques, Officer Safety while tracking and tactical tracking.

#### **Field Training**

Human scent detection, collection and preservation, Environmental and human impact on scent, Standard trailing equipment for the dog and handler, Basic dog reading 101- trailing dogs body language, Basic trail laying- what you want from an assistant, Scenting your dog and starting the trail, Long lead handling, Various soft surface trailing and the "alphabet", High and hidden finds, Motivation for detector K-9's, The effect of age on a trail, Reading and correcting animal and human distraction; basic training, Scent discrimination basic training, one to two distraction people at PLS

Obedience will be intermediate on lead.

#### **Testing**

The handler must successfully pass the following written tests with an 80% score:

K9 Health & Welfare. K9 Nutrition, Basic and Intermediate K9 Trailing, Tactical Tracking, Scent Evidence Processing, K9 Trailing Imprinting. These tests will be online at the TTTK9

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<https://tttk9.com/tttk9-training-university/>

### **Fee Structure**

#### **Pre-Trained K9 Hanover Hound Trailing and Obedience**

\$14,000.00 includes 10-day handlers' course for trailing and obedience. 14 nights of lodging included.

Price of K9: \$7000.00

Price of Training: \$7000.00

Total price: \$14,000

#### **Training for Handler:**

All training will be conducted at the GAK9 training facility in Edisto Island, SC. All room and board is provided for the handler and K9 including kennel tech services for the K9. Handlers quarters are provided with bath and kitchen, The GAK9 Veterinarian on call is West Ashley Animal Hospital in Charleston, SC. They have been contracted for all TSD emergency K9 aid. The cost of any veterinarian care is not included. Training may occur with one to three handlers from other agencies.

#### **Guarantees:**

GAK9 Guarantees the health and demeanor of the dog for one year after purchase date.

#### **Health:**

The K9 will be pre-screened for hip and other orthopedic problems. An OFA exam may be conducted by the buyer at the age of 18 months to two years of age. The guarantee will stay in effect for one year after the initial purchase and the OFA examination. GAK9 will provide a similar K9 to the agency should the first K9 succumb to an orthopedic condition that results in retirement. The guarantee does not cover disease or sickness. The guarantee does not cover injury after sale. The guarantee does not cover any health problems potentially related to poor diet. GAK9 recognizes that many current health problems in Police K9's are directly related to poor and inadequate diets, supplements, or medications/ treatments.

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GAK9 recommends a true working dog diet of exceptional grain free, ethoxoquin free, dry kibble that is not chicken or beef based. Furthermore, we recommend supplements in the form of fish oil and human grade fruits and vegetables.

**Demeanor:**

GAK9 will guarantee that the K9 will be relatively fear free in most urban conditions and will replace the K9 if any phobic response leads to inability to deploy on trailing cases. This guarantee does not cover phobic response induced by handler or kennel error or handling. The K9 will have a photographic and video history of desensitization and socialization training prior to sale.

**Guarantee Terms:**

In order for a guarantee to take place for health or demeanor, the buyer must return the K9 with handler to the Edisto Island Facility for a complete evaluation. This evaluation may take up to two days and is by appointment only. Lodging will be provided for the handler. If it is determined that the problem with the K9 is handling related, GAK9 will provide a detailed remedial trailing plan. GAK9 will provide up to 3 days of training at no charge to the buyer. All remedial training after 3 days will be charged at a rate of \$350 per day.

The buyer understands that if it is determined that the K9 returned for evaluation is not working as initially sold, a replacement K9 will be provided at no additional charge to the buyer. All K9 guarantees are for replacement only and there are no refunds.

The buyer agrees that should any dispute arise between the buyer and seller that the matter will be handled through binding arbitration in the seller's county.

**Recommended Equipment for Handler's Course; NOT included in formal bid:**

Trailing harness-\$115

Trailing lead-\$100

Patrol lead-\$20

Patrol Collar with Sheriff patch- \$44

ID harness for air travel with 3 Sheriff patches- \$87

Grain free diet \$89

Joint and vitamin supplement 8 mos supply \$136

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Health certificate-\$100

Microchip- \$100

K9 Trailing Manual-\$35

Tao of Trailing Advanced Manual- \$35

Tactical Tracker Teams Manual -\$25

Total: \$886.00

We will be available for unlimited phone consultation during the time between sessions for any training questions or difficulty. Homework assignments will be provided between sessions. Jeff Schettler is considered an expert witness in the areas of K9 Trailing and Tracking and may be called upon to provide testimony as to the training of the K9 and handler and deployment.

By signing this document below I agree to all terms of this contract. I also understand that the K9 in this contract is a currently in training. The estimated time of training completion is TBD. This date is only an estimate as it is impossible to determine exactly the training time that might be necessary for any dog. Georgia K9 NTC will provide a minimum of 30 days notice should the training time need to be extended.

I understand that I must provide a 50% deposit to hold the dog in training the county will be invoiced for the final payment of 50%. Payment will be made within 30 days receipt by the Williamson County Auditor's Office. I further understand that this deposit is non-refundable should I or the agency I represent decide to cancel this contract for any reason. Georgia K9 NTC will only refund the deposit due to health or demeanor reasons that make the K9 unfit for police K9 duties.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of buyer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Printed Name of GAK9 Official: Jeff Schettler

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Signature:



Date **7-1-20**

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