



The North American Search Dog Network, NASDN

is an international organization formed in 1988. Its objective is to make high quality Canine Search Teams, available to Law Enforcement Agencies and Search and Rescue operations throughout North America.

- **Locating Lost or Missing Persons**
- **Land and Water Cadaver Recovery**
- **Article and Evidence Searches**

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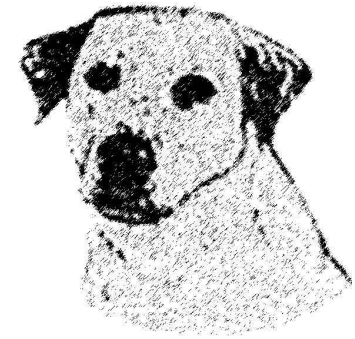


NASDN offers evaluations to its members and their Search Dogs. This testing insures that teams are capable of meeting high professional standards. Agencies in need of assistance can be confident in the abilities of these dogs and handlers.

Evaluations are offered in the following areas:

- I General Service Dog (includes)
 - Area Search
 - Building Search
 - Article Search
 - Tracking
- II Area Search (scent specific)
- III Cadaver (land and water)
- IV General Trailing Dog
 - Type III (basic)
 - Type II (intermediate)
 - Type I (advanced)

All teams must pass an obedience test as part of the evaluation process.



Each year NASDN holds a five day training seminar. This seminar is an opportunity for teams to improve their skills, making them better able to serve their communities. Participants train under the supervision of highly skilled instructors from NASDN and other organizations.

Properly used Dog Teams can search an area much faster and more thoroughly than people working without canine assistance. This allows a search manager to use resources effectively and maximize the possibility of a successful outcome.

NASDN members from throughout Canada and the United States work in cooperation with Law Enforcement agencies. Dogs work on or off lead using tracking, air scenting or other methods warranted by the situation.

**TEAMS ARE ON CALL 24
HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS
A WEEK, 365 DAYS A YEAR.**

Things to remember when a Search Dog is needed.

Proper knowledge at the scene can make the Canine Team more effective. A few simple procedures will assist the handler and the dog.

- **Call at once, NOT as a last resort.** Time can be extremely important. If in doubt, go ahead and call.
- **Secure the Scene.** Protect any areas that may contain scent from unnecessary contamination. Keep people out.
- **Avoid driving or parking vehicles near the search area.** Exhaust fumes kill scent.
- **Have all available information ready for the handler.** This may include a description of the person, description of footwear & other clothing, medical information, point last seen, information on weapons and any other information which might be helpful.
- **Have an Officer, who is familiar with the area, available to assist the handler.**

Selection and collection of scent articles is best left to the Canine Handler.

If it is necessary to collect or protect scent articles prior to the team's arrival:

- **Use instruments or gloved hands.** DO NOT touch any scent article with bare hands.
- **Place items in plastic or paper bags and seal.** DO NOT use ordinary plastic garbage bags. Many of these are treated with chemical deodorants.

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The Law Enforcement Officer's Guide to the **NORTH AMERICAN SEARCH DOG NETWORK**



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