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SDF30: A MILESTONE BUILT ON MISSION

For 30 years, the Search Dog Foundation has transformed possibility into a lifesaving reality. What began as a visionary idea with a single search team has evolved into an internationally deployed force for disaster response. As we enter our fourth decade, we celebrate the powerful partnerships at the heart of our work—rescued dogs, dedicated handlers, and a community united by one purpose: ensuring no one is left behind.

Three Decades of Impact

Impact isn't measured only in years; it is measured in lives changed. Since our founding, SDF has redefined disaster response by rescuing high-drive dogs and channeling their energy into a vital new role. These dogs go from overlooked to indispensable, proving that a second chance can become a lifesaving mission.

- **From One to Many:** From our earliest teams to our state-of-the-art training campus, every milestone reflects a commitment to readiness and excellence.
- **Powered by You:** Every deployment and training success is fueled by a community of donors, partners, and volunteers who believe in the power of second chances for both dogs and humans, and that when disaster strikes, help should be on the way.



30

YEARS OF IMPACT



The Next 30 Years Start Now

While we honor our rich history, SDF is wholly committed to the future, focusing on expanding our lifesaving capabilities, strengthening disaster response, and improving outcomes for both human and canine lives.

The foundation is strong. The mission is clear. And the future depends on what we can achieve together.

Join the Celebration

Join us as we honor 30 years of impact—and shape what comes next.

#SDF30

National Disaster Search Dog Foundation



CANINE RECRUITMENT

FROM SHELTER STANDOUT TO SEARCH DOG STAR: MEET LEON

Leon's journey began at Tri-City Animal Shelter in Fremont, CA, a longtime recruitment partner of SDF. According to shelter staff, Leon had been surrendered by an owner frustrated with his boundless energy and knack for escaping the backyard. Once shelter staff got to know Leon, he quickly proved that he wasn't a problem dog—he was a dog in search of a job.

A Look at Leon's Journey

- **Step 1: The Evaluation** – Testing drive, nerves, and “hunt” instinct, first by video at the shelter, then with urban search and rescue handlers on their rubble pile in San Ramon, and finally with our trainers at our National Training Center.
- **Step 2: Medical Screening** – A full physical to ensure Leon is suited to a high-impact career through potential years of service.
- **Step 3: Foundation Skills and Search Proficiencies** – Mastering obedience, agility, and progressing from simple barrel searches to complex, “diffuse” odor puzzles in buildings and on rubble.
- **Step 4: Deployment Ready** – The final goal where Leon will be paired with a handler and join a task force.

Susan Sasek, then the Foster Coordinator, credits staff member Jess Paramenter for spotting Leon's potential. Jess, an ASPCA Rescue and Relocation team veteran, began bringing Leon into the front office for socialization. “[Leon] would spend hours in the office to allow him interaction with people and to destress,” Susan recalls. “He was great, but was at attention the whole time.”

Leon also won over the local police department, which shares building space next door, and was a welcomed and frequent guest. But despite charming everyone in the building, Leon was not resonating with adopters due to his high energy and larger size.

The Brains Behind the Brawn

“He got overlooked a lot,” Jess says. “He was young and very rambunctious, which scared many adopters away. He was energetic, yes, but he just wanted connection. He had this intelligence where he would look at you and pay attention, waiting for instruction or engagement.”

Jess implemented enrichment cycles—boxes, puzzles, and pheromones—to keep Leon's mind sharp and mitigate kennel stress. Still, as Leon's time at the shelter stretched on, the staff grew concerned. “We all were getting worried because we knew he had so much potential,” Jess says.

Testing Leon's Potential

Susan had seen a social post by SDF outlining the requirements of a search dog

candidate, and Jess got to work building a rubble pile. By this time, Leon had been placed in foster care with a local trainer, who helped conduct evaluation videos to send to SDF. To further test his potential, SDF enlisted the help of local California Task Force 4 handlers Brian Medley and Erik Falkenstrom to see how Leon handled the rubble at their training site in San Ramon. The handlers were immediately impressed by Leon's focus and drive, and Leon officially earned his green light to enter our search dog program.

Jess says, “Susan and her team worked so diligently to find him the right outlet. When SDF reached out, the shelter staff felt they had hit the jackpot!”

Soaring Through Training

Since arriving at our campus, Leon has been excelling at his training. A quick learner, this clever boy rapidly ascended through his foundation skills and is now searching on rubble, his long legs carrying him effortlessly across the unstable terrain. After a successful find, Leon ecstatically flies through the air to present his toy to his handler for a rousing game of collaborative play. Leon is a solid search dog candidate, a great training partner, and—when it's time for rest—a sweet boy who loves a good cuddle.

The Winning Combination

Leon's transition from shelter dog to search candidate is a testament to his resilience and a tribute to the dedicated



SDF CANDIDATE PROFILE



LEON

RECRUITED FROM: Tri-City Animal Shelter (Fremont, CA)
PERSONALITY: Intense focus when working; world-class cuddler when off-duty
BEST SKILL: Effortless navigation of rubble
FAVORITE REWARD: Flying through the air to present his toy



team at Tri-City who advocated for him every step of the way. "We're all so happy," Jess says. "You can't ask for anything better. It's one thing to hear he's adopted and put in a home, but to be able to say, like, he's going to the Olympics...this is like winning the lottery!"

We're so grateful for vital partnerships like the one between Tri-City and SDF, which ensure that more extraordinary dogs like Leon get the happy, fulfilling lives they deserve. And we thank our generous donors who make all of it possible. Whether it's an annual gift or monthly commitment, your contributions fuel the journey from rescued to rescuer.

Leon is sponsored by Jill Bee and Loren Glasser, Carol Marengo, Farmers Insurance.



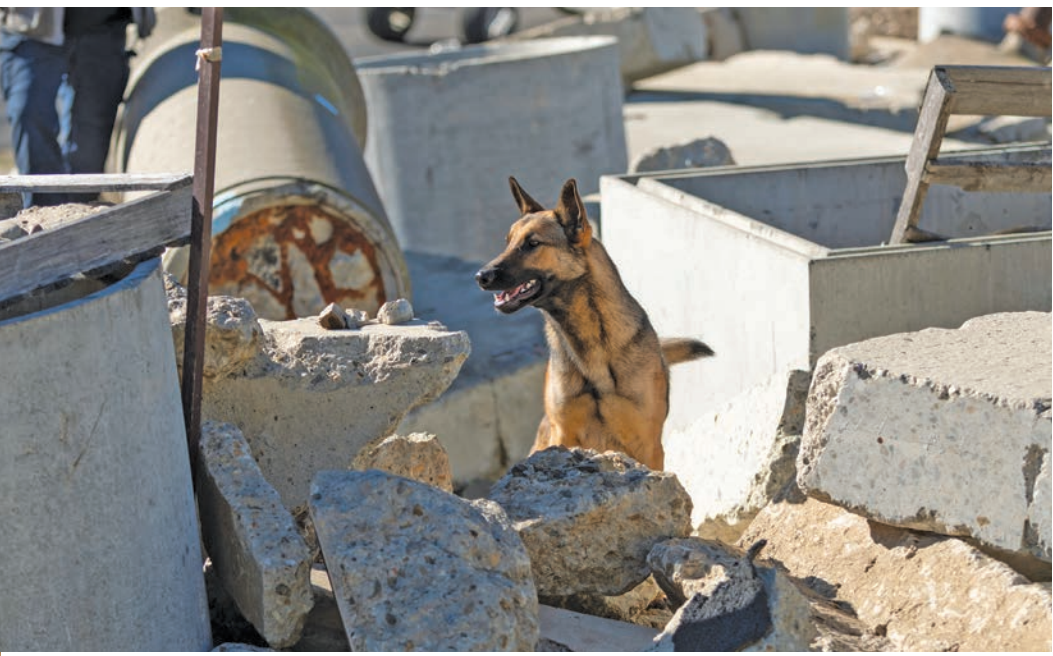
Search Dog 101

What is "Diffuse Odor?"

In the early stages of training, search dogs look for a "vented" scent: direct airflow from a single point (like a person hidden in a barrel). But in a real disaster, scent doesn't always travel in a straight line.

Diffuse Odor occurs when scent permeates through layers of debris, spreading out like a mist rather than a beam.

- **The Challenge:** The dog must learn to work through the "cloud" of scent to find the strongest point of origin.
- **Leon's Progress:** Leon has conquered this milestone, proving he has the focus to ignore the "fog" of a debris pile and pinpoint the area where a survivor is trapped.



Learn more about our Canine Recruitment Program by scanning this code with your phone's camera!



LIFETIME CARE

At SDF, our commitment to the dogs we recruit is lifelong, and we recognize that, while every dog who enters our program has search dog potential, their individual journey may lead them to a different destination. When that occurs, we celebrate two primary paths for our alumni:

Career Change: These dogs possess an incredible work ethic and specialized drive, making them perfect candidates for other types of detection work. From serving in law enforcement

to finding missing hikers in the wilderness to detecting ecological threats, these pups are fulfilling their potential while serving their communities—just in a different uniform.

Companion Home: Some dogs decide that the professional working life isn't for them. For these pups, our mission is to find their perfect fit in a loving pet home with active families who appreciate a companion with a little extra *joie de vivre*.

Here are the wonderful dogs who found their perfect jobs and homes from July 1 to December 31, 2025:



Annie
Black Labrador Retriever | Adopted 9/10/2025
Companion Home



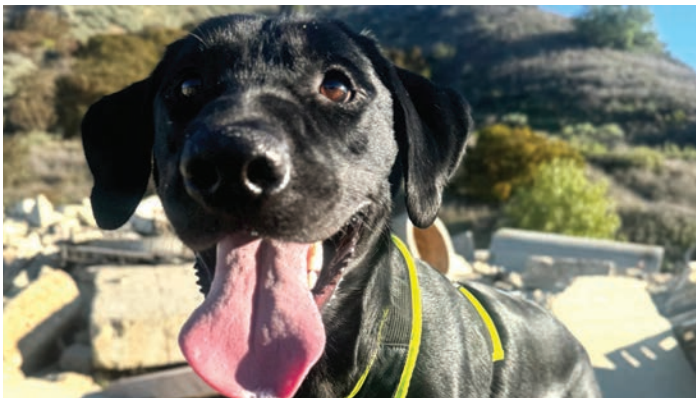
Chad
Yellow Labrador Retriever | Adopted 10/16/2025
Conservation/Ecology Detection



Billie
Yellow Labrador Retriever | Adopted 7/6/2025
Companion Home



Chase
Yellow Labrador Retriever | Adopted 10/25/2025
Companion Home



Cash
Black Labrador Retriever | Adopted 7/16/2025
Law Enforcement



Goofy
Black Labrador Retriever | Adopted 11/25/2025
Companion Home



Gracie
American Staffordshire Terrier | Adopted 7/10/2025
Law Enforcement



Ploy
Black Labrador Retriever | Adopted 11/6/2025
Law Enforcement



Mookie
Black Labrador Retriever | Adopted 8/8/2025
Wilderness Search and Rescue



Ranglr
Australian Cattle Dog | Adopted 10/23/2025
Wilderness Search and Rescue



Ocean
German Shepherd | Adopted 9/10/2025
Companion Home



Uma
Yellow Labrador Retriever | Adopted 10/7/2025
Wilderness Search and Rescue

Are You the Partner They've Been Searching For?

These lucky dogs have found their happy endings, but there are more at our campus waiting for a family of their own or a job that gives them purpose. If you are looking for a working dog or a high-energy companion who is as smart as they are spirited, your perfect partner might be waiting for you at SDF.

Visit our website at www.searchdogfoundation.org/canine-placement-program to see the extraordinary dogs currently looking for a partner.

*Interested in adopting
one of our Lifetime
Care dogs?
Scan to learn more!*



LTC ADOPTION PROCESS

FINDING THE “PERFECT FIT”: INSIDE THE SDF ADOPTION JOURNEY

At SDF, our mission is to recruit rescued dogs to become rescuers trained in urban disaster search. Still, when a dog in our program discovers that their true calling isn't on a rubble pile, our commitment to them doesn't waver. Instead, it pivots toward a new mission: finding them an adoptive forever home where their unique personality can shine.

It Starts with the Dog

Every adoption begins with an in-depth profile of the dog's individual needs. Because our training team spends 24/7 with our dogs, we know them better than anyone.

- **Overall Health:** Comprehensive veterinary screenings provide full transparency and a roadmap for their future wellness.
- **Temperament:** Detailed assessments evaluate how they interact with people, various environments, and other dogs.
- **Skill Maintenance:** Our trainers work with each dog daily, maintaining their foundational skills and helping them learn new ones right up until the day they head to their forever home.

Whether a dog requires a job to stay happy, thrives in an active outdoor lifestyle, or is secretly a homebody who prefers a quiet neighborhood to the urban bustle, these preferences are our top priority.

The Search for the Right Human

Our adopters come from all walks of life, discovering us through social media, Petfinder, or referrals from our dedicated network of donors, volunteers and handlers. However, where an adopter comes from is far less important than the quality of the match. We aren't just looking for *any* home; we are looking for the *right* home.

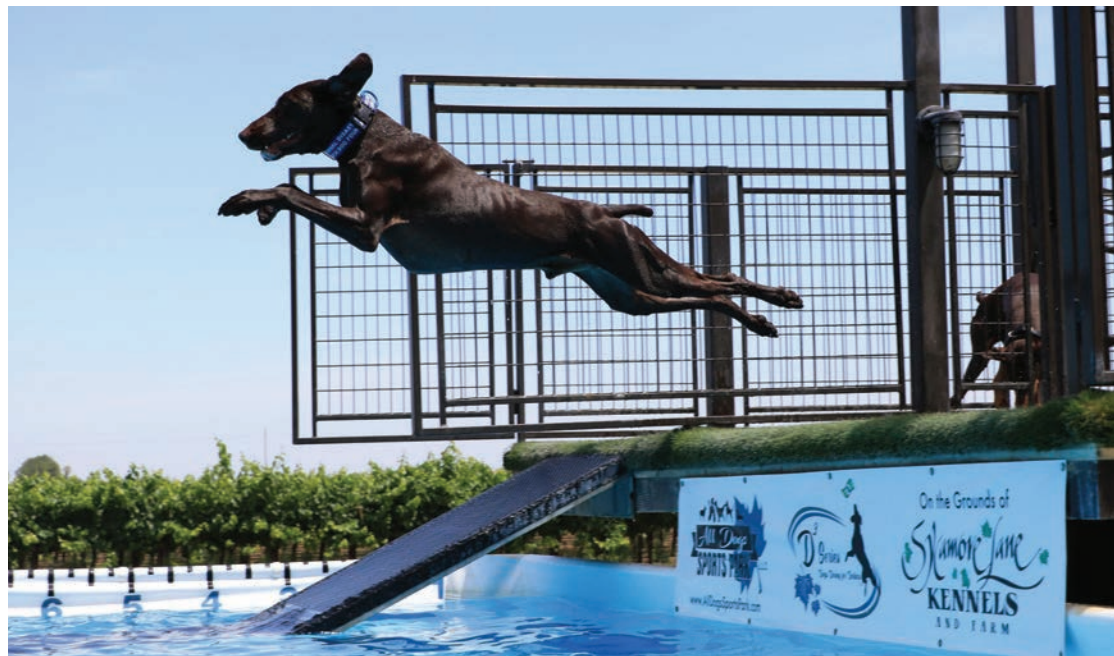
To ensure a lifetime of success, our matching process is thorough by design.

1. **Application & Initial Interview:** We dive deep into an applicant's lifestyle. Are they willing to travel to meet the dog in person? If there are other dogs in the house, are the owners ready to facilitate a slow, successful introduction?
2. **The Virtual Home Check:** We “tour” the yard and sleeping areas to proactively address potential challenges, such as fence heights for high jumpers or hazards for super chewers.
3. **The Meet & Greet:** Adopters are invited to our campus to spend time with their potential new companion. This interaction is carefully facilitated by our training team, who observes the chemistry and connection between them. We often have multiple applicants meet several dogs, because we believe that for a bond to last a lifetime, the dog must play the leading role in choosing their perfect family.

The SDF Support System: A Lifelong Resource

When a dog leaves our campus, they don't leave our family. To ensure a seamless transition, every adopter receives a comprehensive “Exit Report” and valuable resources that serve as a roadmap for their journey together. This includes:

- **The “User Manual”:** Training cues, medical history, vaccination records, and microchip info.
- **Personalized Care Profile:** Insider knowledge on your dog's favorite toys, preferred food puzzles, and the specific decompression activities—whether physical or mental, that help them feel at home.
- **Ongoing Coaching & Resources:** Adopters gain exclusive access to training webinars, our online Training Guide, and troubleshooting videos. If a unique challenge arises, our trainers will even film a “how-to” video on our campus to provide the precise tools you need to communicate effectively with your dog.





By adopting from SDF, you gain more than a lifelong partner; you gain a support network that is always just a phone call away. Tracy Darling, Senior Director of Canine Operations, captures this commitment perfectly:

“You truly will not find a place where dogs are known more deeply, from their unique quirks to their most specific needs. When you adopt from SDF, you aren’t just taking home a dog; you’re joining a community dedicated to your success. We provide an incredible level of ongoing support to ensure you and your new partner are the right fit—helping you not just live in harmony but truly thrive together.”

Ready to Meet Your Match?

Are you looking for a partner for your weekend hikes? A high-intelligence companion who keeps you on your toes? Or perhaps a world-class cuddler who just needs a quiet place to land? Our Lifetime Care dogs are some of the most extraordinary pups you will ever meet—smart, resilient, and ready for their next chapter.

See the amazing pups currently waiting for their forever families! Visit our website to browse our available dogs, learn more about their unique personalities, and start your application today. Your new best friend is waiting to choose you!

Find Your New Best Friend at SearchDogFoundation.org/Adopt



Which SDF Adoptable Dog is Your Perfect Match?

Our dogs come with different “settings.” Some are ready to scale a mountain, while others are ready to professionalize the art of the afternoon nap. Take this quick quiz to see which type of canine companion fits your world.

1. It’s Saturday morning at 7:00 AM. What are you doing?

- A) I’ve been up for an hour. My boots are laced, and I’m heading to the trailhead.
- B) I’m finishing my coffee and looking for a fun project, maybe a puzzle or some gardening.
- C) I’m hitting snooze. We’ll get to the park eventually, but first, more blankets.

2. Your home environment is:

- A) A wide-open space or a house with a big, secure yard for “zoomies.”
- B) A suburban neighborhood with plenty of interesting smells for long, inquisitive walks.
- C) A quiet, low-traffic sanctuary where peace and quiet are the priorities.

3. When it comes to “house rules,” you are:

- A) Ready to work! I love the challenge of consistent training and high-level engagement.
- B) Moderate. I want a dog who listens well but can also just “be a dog.”
- C) Relaxed. As long as we’re together, I’m happy.

The Results

Mostly As: The “Action Hero.” You are a perfect match for our high-drive candidates! These dogs need a “job” to be happy. They are best suited for active owners who enjoy hiking, running, or even amateur agility training.

Key Traits: High energy, incredible focus, and a need for physical outlets.

Mostly Bs: The “Brainiac.” You’ll love our high-intelligence dogs who prioritize mental stimulation. These pups are thinkers. They love learning new tricks and solving puzzles. They’ll keep you on your toes with their cleverness and curiosity.

Key Traits: Observant, quick learners, and very “food motivated.”

Mostly Cs: The “Bosom Buddy.” You’re looking for a dog who has decided the retired life is the best life. These dogs are often more sensitive and thrive in stable, predictable environments where they can be your shadow and constant companion.

Key Traits: Loyal, affectionate, and thrives on routine.

Ready to take the next step?

Whether you’re an “A,” “B,” or “C,” your perfect partner is waiting at SDF.

View Our Current Adoption Candidates Here:



DEPLOYMENTS

NOSE TO THE GROUND: NAVIGATING A HALF-YEAR OF NATURAL DISASTERS

In disaster response work, teams must be prepared for anything. For some teams trained by SDF, the last six months of 2025 were a masterclass in versatility. From the suburbs of Southern California to the coastlines of the Caribbean, these teams have proven that being ready means being able to navigate any situation and environment thrown at them.

Here's a look at a few of the diverse front lines where SDF-trained teams have stood in the last half-year.

The Local Front:

Precision in the Mud and Brush

Urban search and rescue often conjures images of ruined cityscapes, but threats also frequently stem from nature itself.

Mudslide – San Clemente, CA (January 2026)

Following heavy winter rains that turned coastal bluffs into liquified earth, SDF-trained teams from the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) responded to a mudslide along the San Clemente Beach Trail. Canines Cooper and Nanci searched the debris near Metrolink tracks to ensure no hikers or commuters were trapped beneath the flow.



In these scenarios, a canine's nose is the only tool fast enough to survey a shifting landscape that is too unstable for heavy machinery.

Missing Person – Saticoy, CA (Late 2025)

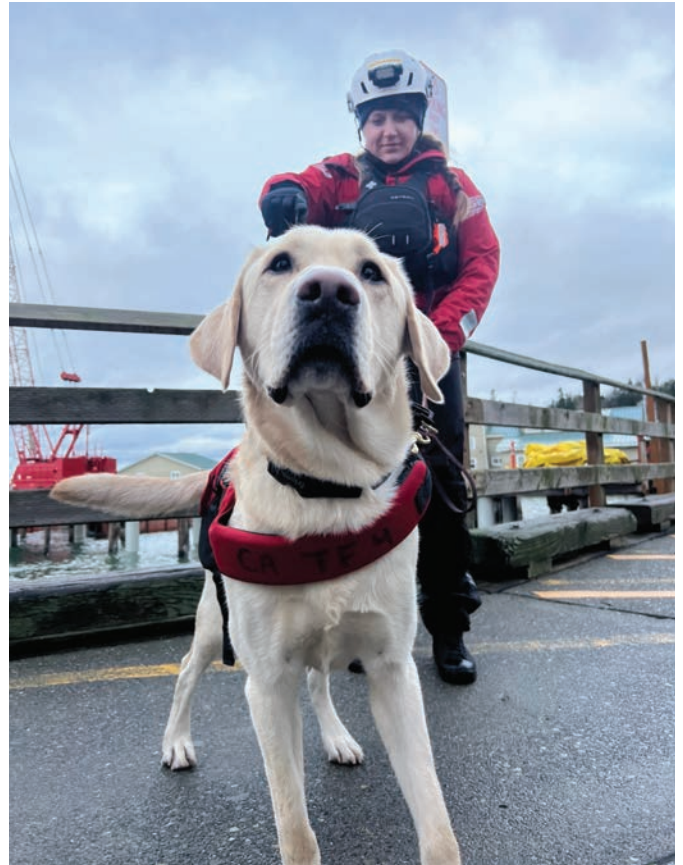
Preparedness also means being a local resource. In the small rural town of Saticoy, teams were called upon to assist in the search for a missing individual in the dense brush and agricultural fields of Ventura County.

The Regional Response:

Atmospheric Rivers in the Northwest

Washington State Flooding (December 2025)

When an atmospheric river stalled over the Pacific Northwest, it brought record-breaking rainfall and catastrophic flooding. Seven SDF-trained teams from California Task Forces 4 and 7 traveled north to assist as part of a larger interstate response.



In significant flood zones, the challenge isn't just the water; it's the aftermath. Enormous mud flows, fields of unstable debris, and soggy ground make conditions even more difficult during severe weather systems, when visibility may also be impacted.



Responding alongside teammates from Virginia (USA-1), teams navigated a landscape devastated by catastrophic destruction, conducting surveys and assessments by land and by air. This deployment showcased the ultimate requirement for disaster response readiness: the ability to maintain peak performance while operating in a foreign country with limited resources and extreme tropical heat.

The International Stage:

The Fury of Melissa

Hurricane Melissa – Jamaica & The Caribbean (October 2025)

When Hurricane Melissa struck the area as a Category 5 storm that obliterated infrastructure across the Caribbean, SDF-trained teams deployed from California as part of USA-2, one of only two task forces in the nation qualified for international response.

The Common Thread: The “Drive” to Save

Whether it is a single person lost in a mudslide or a thousand people displaced by a hurricane, an urban search and rescue team’s preparation remains the same. It relies on the unique relationship between a first responder and their canine partner working seamlessly together to save lives.

Thanks to your support, the Search Dog Foundation is able to prepare these teams for deployment, ensuring they are ready when called upon to help.

ADVANCED SEARCH TEAM TRAINING

TRAINING FOR THE MISSION: SDF HELPS PREPARE TEAMS TO ANSWER ANY CALL

At the Search Dog Foundation, our commitment extends beyond the pairing of a handler and search dog. We are also proud to serve as a premier training hub, hosting a diverse array of workshops and exercises to sharpen the skills of task forces and

working dog partners from across the country. By providing a world-class environment for problem-solving and specialized care, we ensure that when the call comes, these teams are ready to respond with precision and confidence.



Testing the Limits: Scenario Training

Throughout the latter half of 2025, SDF hosted multiple intensive Scenario Training days. These sessions brought together teams from across the country to face unscripted, high-stakes deployment simulations. With no prior knowledge of victim counts and minimal instruction, handlers and canines had to rely entirely on their communication and critical thinking skills to navigate complex search areas.



The Science of Performance: Canimetrics

In August and November, handlers from multiple task forces joined us for our Canimetrics workshops. Using cutting-edge methods developed by Penn Vet's Working Dog Center, SDF trainers led these single-day fitness sessions, focusing on the physical conditioning and biomechanics necessary to keep search dogs at the top of their game.

See our calendar of upcoming Training Events here:





Critical Care: K9 MEDIC Workshop

October saw the return of the three-day K9 MEDIC Workshop. Thanks to our generous donors, 20 handlers and medical specialists received free, intensive training in tactical canine medicine, along with canine first aid kits designed by SDF and supported by the Cencora Impact Foundation and MWI Animal Health. From managing heat stroke and bloat to performing advanced paramedicine like surgical airways, participants left equipped to handle life-threatening emergencies in any environment.

Ready for Launch: Mobilization Exercise

On October 16, SDF served as a vital staging ground for USA-2 (Los Angeles County Fire Department) during a massive three-day readiness exercise. Our training center transformed into an international deployment hub, facilitating a helicopter landing and campus-wide search operations. This complex drill was assisted by a dedicated corps of 12 volunteers supporting a specialized 14-person rescue team.

Deepening the Bond: Elevate Your Partnership

We rounded out the year in December with the Elevate Your Partnership Workshop. Six disaster search teams—representing both live-find and human remains detection (HRD)—spent three days participating in this small group workshop, refining the “silent language” of their partnership. Through purposeful play and real-time coaching, handlers learned to better read their dogs’ cues, ensuring a seamless connection during high-pressure operations.

NEW SEARCH TEAMS PAIRED

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE TEAMS PAIRED BETWEEN JULY AND DECEMBER 2025! HAVING WORKED TIRELESSLY TO MASTER THE PARTNERSHIP REQUIRED FOR THIS MISSION, THEY ARE NOW FOCUSED ON A LIFETIME OF GROWTH. THROUGH ONGOING TRAINING AND STRENGTHENING BONDS, THESE TEAMS STAND READY TO OFFER ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO COMMUNITIES AT THEIR GREATEST TIMES OF NEED.



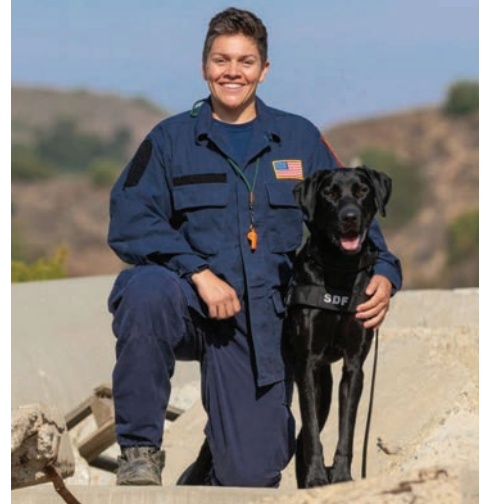
LAURA DENISON & RED

Nebraska Task Force 1
Recruited from Save A Stray, City of Mobile
Animal Services
Transported by Four-Legged Kids Bus
Sponsored by Farmers Insurance,
M. Lawrence Lallande and Nicole Lallande



SAMANTHA MAR & MAX

San Francisco Fire
California Task Force 3
Recruited from Humane Society of Elmore County
Transported by Fetch Air
Sponsored by Cliff and Crystal Wyatt,
Steve and Kathleen Davis



CRISTINA PADILLA & WINSTON

San Francisco Fire
California Task Force 3
Recruited from Lab Rescue of Greater Richmond
Transported by Fetch Air
Sponsored by David and Barbara Barnhart,
Team: Shimo, Nan, Allison & Heather



CERTIFICATIONS

SUCCESSFUL TEAMS NEVER STOP GROWING. EVERY THREE YEARS, OUR TEAMS MUST RE-CERTIFY, SHOWCASING THE ELITE SKILLS AND SEAMLESS COMMUNICATION THAT DEFINE THEIR PARTNERSHIPS. WE ARE IMMENSELY PROUD OF THE LONG HOURS, THE RELENTLESS TRAINING, AND THE DEEP BOND THESE DUOS SHARE IN SERVICE OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING OUR LATEST ROUND OF CERTIFIED TEAMS!



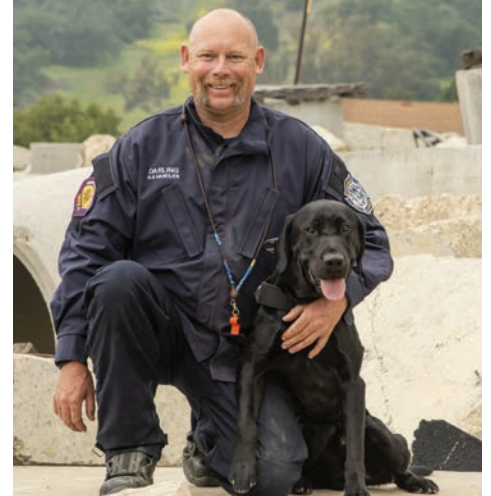
CORY BALDOVIN & WEBBER

Certification: September 2025
Los Angeles County Fire
California Task Force 2
Recruited from a previous home
Transported by Four Legged Kids Bus
Sponsored by Carol George and Roger Stewart,
Walt and Faith Kalback, Rosanne Crane



LAUREN CANNING & BARNEY

Re-certification: September 2025
San Francisco Fire
California Task Force 3
Recruited from Retrieving Freedom, Inc.
Sponsored by David and Barbara Barnhart



ERIC DARLING & STEVEN

Re-certification: September 2025
Ventura County Fire Department
California Task Force 1
California Regional Task Force 7
Recruited from Kaiser K9, Inc.
Sponsored by Pat Snyder



JOSH DAVIS & BOSCO

Re-certification: September 2025
San Francisco Fire
California Task Force 3
Recruited from Dogs for Better Lives
Sponsored by The Joel and Dena Gambord Family



JUSTIN ENSOR & BATMAN

Certification: September 2025
Sacramento Metro Fire
California Task Force 7
Recruited from Thrive Animal Rescue
Sponsored by The William and Joanne Miller
Charitable Trust, The Sandra Trinka Revocable Trust
represented by Theresa McConville



ERIC GRAY & DEE

Re-certification: September 2025
Santa Barbara County Fire
California Task Force 2
Recruited from a previous home
Sponsored by Friends of Search and Rescue
Canine Teams

CERTIFICATIONS



LOUIS GUDIEL & JOEY

Certification: September 2025
Los Angeles County Fire
California Task Force 2
Recruited from a previous home
Transported by Angel Flight West
Sponsored by Tracy and Rascal



MIKE HARCOS & BUCK

Re-certification: September 2025
Sacramento Fire
California Task Force 7
Donated by Liz Paape
Sponsored by The Joel and Dena Gambord Family



SCOTT HOFSTETTER & AMBER

Re-certification: October 2025
Iowa Task Force 1
Nebraska Task Force 1
Donated by Stephanie Loucyn
Sponsored by Julie Croker
Named in memory of Amber Skall



KALUB LEWIS & CYRUS

Re-certification: September 2025
Unified Fire Authority
Utah Task Force 1
Recruited from Train A Rescue
Sponsored by the Nahikian Family Foundation,
Anonymous



JULIE PADELORD & REBEL

Re-certification: November 2025
California Task Force 4
Sponsored by The Joel and Dena Gambord Family



JUSTIN QUARISA & RUFFLES

Certification: September 2025
Cosumnes Fire
California Task Force 7
Recruited from All Kind Animal Initiative
& Bitter Root Humane Association
Transported by Four Legged Kids Bus
Sponsored by Julie Croker



DUSHONE ROMAN & TOBY

Certification: September 2025
Los Angeles County Fire
California Task Force 2
Recruited from a previous home
Transported by Angel Flight West
Sponsored by Linda Heizer Seaman, Paul W. Kurzeka,
J & H Engineering General Contractors, Inc.



ADAM SCHAAF & DODGER

Re-certification: October 2025
Lincoln Fire-Rescue
Nebraska Task Force 1
Recruited from East Bay SPCA
Transported by Angel Flight West
Sponsored by Carol George and Roger Stewart



TOM SIMONS & FORREST

Re-certification: September 2025
Salt Lake City Fire
Utah Task Force 1
Recruited from Field of Dreams
Sponsored by Farmers Insurance



DAMON WIRTH & KOA

Re-certification: October 2025
Lincoln Fire-Rescue
Nebraska Task Force 1
Recruited from a previous home
Sponsored by The Joel and Dena Gambord Family

RETIREMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE EXTRAORDINARY TEAMS ON THEIR RETIREMENT! WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR SERVICE AND THE LASTING IMPACT THEY'VE MADE THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREERS. WE WISH THEM NOTHING BUT THE BEST AS THEY TRANSITION INTO A NEW SEASON OF RELAXATION AND ADVENTURE WITH THEIR FAMILIES.



CHLOE

Years of Service: 2020-2025

Handler: Kiegon List
Sacramento Metro Fire
California Task Force 7

Recruited from Cheyenne Animal Shelter and South Dakota Canine Center
Transported by Sean Moran
Sponsored by The Nahikian Family Foundation, Anonymous

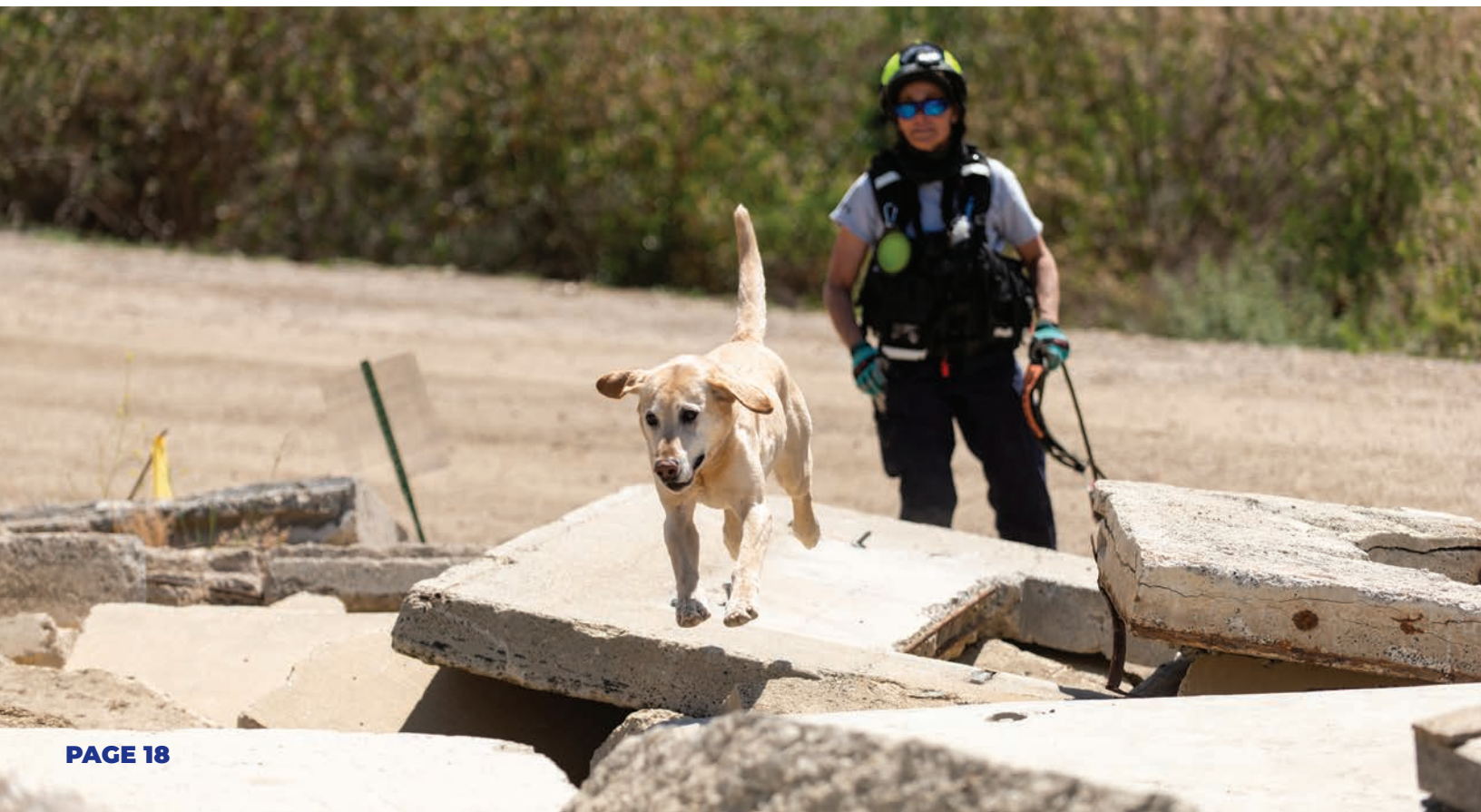


TOMMY

Years of Service: 2013-2025

Handler: Lee Culley
Utah Task Force 1

Recruited from Los Banos Animal Shelter
Sponsored by Jill Bee and Loren Glasser
Named in Memory of Tom McGrath



RAINBOW BRIDGE

THOUGH OUR TIME WITH OUR CANINE PARTNERS IS ALWAYS TOO SHORT, THE IMPACT THEY LEAVE LASTS A LIFETIME. THE CANINE MEMORIAL WALL IS OUR WAY OF HONORING THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE AND THE PROFOUND CONNECTION WE SHARED WITH THEM. THIS TRIBUTE STANDS AS A REMINDER OF THEIR EXTRAORDINARY LEGACIES OF SERVICE AND THE MANY LIVES THEY TOUCHED.



JAVA

October 1, 2011 – August 23, 2025

Handler: Eric Ingstad
Los Angeles City Fire
California Task Force 1
Recruited from Bones Pet Rescue
Sponsored by The Joel and Dena Gambord Family



JOSIE

July 5, 2013 – December 3, 2025

Handler: Brandon Budd
Sacramento Fire
California Task Force 7
Recruited from Lassen County Animal Shelter
Sponsored by Susan Kemper and Cam Warren



OLLIE

February 20, 2012 – October 10, 2025

Handler: Donovan George
Orange County Fire Authority
California Task Force 5
Recruited from Western Hills Humane Society and
South Dakota Canine Center
Sponsored by Roberta Hoyt, Julie Brandau Community
Service Memorial Project





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**Thank you
for being *Part of the Search!***

