



K9 Power Wake Training Course

What Makes K9 Power Wake Training Unique?

K9 Power Wake training is unique in that we build confidence and independence, providing a different approach to search training. K9s will be taught to respond to a target odor and lead the handler to the source with a correct final response. The person carrying the object of interest is never directly confronted by the dog. Through this training, handlers are taught to trust the K9s finely-tuned sense of smell. Independence is developed through the handlers lack of direct input towards detection.

Course Objective(s):

This course and corresponding training systems have been specifically designed to introduce new methods of training. Whereas traditional detector dogs are handler-led, K9 Power Wake training will allow handlers to walk behind their dogs with little or no interference. Using this system, K9PW dogs will move through the crowd or suspect area and check the air for normal air patterns. Once a targeted odor has been detected, the K9 will lead the handler to the suspect odor and indicate a change of behavior.

Course Details:

Duration of course: 2-Days

Number of Students: 15 Teams

Can be customized for specific needs, locations, targets, etc.

This course will emphasize instruction on explosives, narcotic detection, cadaver search as well as rescue team specifics.

Teams will complete a rigorous evaluation and receive hands-on-training, including the best detection techniques and patterns to search open areas, vehicles, buildings, freight, luggage, and within crowded public areas.

Topics to Include:

“Searching a Moving Target”, “Proper Training Aid Usage”, “Large & Small Venue Search”, “Searching in Large Crowds”, “Sampling Air Currents”, “Creating a Dog-Driven Team”





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Why was the K9 Power Wake developed?

“As a trainer, I saw the need to create a training device for any scent trained K9 to replicate a large amount of odor from a small amount of material. K9s will learn quickly to follow the scent cone to the source. This device can be placed inside boxes, luggage and vehicles; the positive pressure created by the training device will cause K9 to search productive areas, such as door seams, zippers and corners of boxes with no set time.”

-Frank Pagano, retired New Jersey K9 Police Sergeant and Inventor of the K9 Power Wake.

Notes from the Instructor:

Detection dogs have been utilized for many years. Normally during a search the handler leads the dog to each area that needs to be searched and the dog attempts to pick up a targeted scent. The handler is the one who directs the search and the dog is merely used as a sniffing mechanism. The dog searches the target for any odor it has been trained to recognize and gives the handler a final response if any such odor is detected.

Again, a handler guides the dog to search luggage and other items and locations. These techniques are very simplistic and have many flaws. Although many explosives and thousands of pounds of drugs have been uncovered in this manner; “handler driven” canine detection has some disadvantages.

One disadvantage is the narrowness of the search. For example, if the handler does not stop every single person walking through an airport to let the dog search them for explosives, then the dog may fail to indicate. The dog can only search those targets that the handler instructs the dog to search, or those targets that the handler deems may pose a threat.

Rather than directing the K9, the handler positions the canine in a desired location, allowing the canine to detect scents in the air, when the canine detects a trained scent, the canine leads the handler (dog driven team) to or follows behind the carrier.

When properly introduced, the K9 Power Wake training will enable the K9 to sniff and search independently and in a non-obvious manner to disguise the handler (handler takes over once a person has been identified). This training can be applied in environments such as transit systems, venues for large public gatherings, stadiums and buildings, areas of commerce, and other high risk locations.

Contact us today for more information, or to receive course pricing.

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