

Tarheel Canine Training, Inc.

Course Syllabus
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Police K-9 Instructor Course Outline (Dual Purpose)

General Outline

- I. K9 Selection Testing: Temperament, Health, Drives, Nerves for Dual Purpose & Single Purpose K9s
- II. Handler Selection: Physical Standards, Mindset
- III. Tactical Obedience Training
 - A. Training in Drive v. Training out of Drive
 - B. Conditioning theory: classical and operant conditioning
 - C. Balanced approach: Reward & Correction modalities, tools, and procedures.
 - D. A General Theory of Balanced Training: TK9 Training Program
 - E. Temperament and Training considerations.
 - F. Marker Training
 1. Verbal markers
 2. Clickers
 3. Markers, reinforcement markers, and terminal markers
 4. Positive and negative markers
 5. Lure-reward methodology
 6. Free-shaping methodology
 - G. Practical Obedience Training
 1. Attention Heeling on and off leash
 2. Heeling under distraction, distraction and decoy neutrality.
 3. Pressure heeling
 4. Place boards, and directional sends
 5. Change of positions
 6. Recalls, go outs, finishes, sit on recall, down on recall.
 7. Sit, down, stand.
 8. Motion exercises: techniques
 9. Sequences of behaviors: back-chaining.
 10. Retrieve training
 11. Tactical Obedience Techniques: between the legs contact heeling.
 - H. E-Collar Usage: Theory & Application
 1. Theory: negative reinforcement and Positive Punishment
 2. Low-level stimulation techniques
 3. Classical conditioning and correction pairing techniques
 - I. Practical Agility Training
 1. Jumping & Climbing
 2. Slick Floors
 3. Open Stairs
 - J. Cross-Over Effects: Obedience Interactions with other phases of training
 - K. Behavior Modification Techniques
 1. Temperament Considerations
 2. Techniques for Changing Behavior: Remove Stimulus; Punishment (+P,-P); Command Control; Counter-Conditioning (systematic desensitization both active and passive).
- IV. Patrol Functions: Training
 - A. Tactical Deployment: Building Search, High Risk Scenarios.
 - B. Drives & Drive Development
 - C. Prey Drive Development
 - D. Defense Drive Development
 - E. Drive Channeling

- F. Protection Skills
 1. Apprehension
 2. Handler Defense
 3. Out & Guard
 4. Transports
 5. Area Searches
 6. Building Searches
 7. Multiple Suspects
 8. Passive Apprehensions
 9. Call Backs & Call Off's
 10. Problem Solving Apprehension Work
- G. Decoy Training
 1. Sleeve Work
 2. Bite Suit, targeting and technique.
 3. Hidden Sleeve and Civil Protection.
- V. Scent Work: Tracking & Trailing
 - A. Scent Theory
 - B. Scent Discrimination Tactical Tracking
 1. Hydration Intensified Tracking (HIT) Theory
 2. Trailing Theory
 3. Beginning hard Surface Tracking Technique
 4. Scent Articles
 5. Serpentine and Corners
 6. Step-offs, broken tracks
 7. Variable surface transition (grass, gravel, woods).
 8. Upkeep of tracking skills.
 9. Problem Solving tracking
 - C. Article Search
- VI. Detection Science and Practical Application
 - A. Narcotics Detection Theory
 - B. Explosives Detection Theory & Handling
 - C. Scent and Scent Behavior
 - D. Training Aids Preparation and Contamination Issues
 - E. "Pseudo" Aids and Simulant Aids (Inert Training Aids).
 - F. "Real" Aids
 - G. Multiple Imprint Procedure
 - H. Fading Visual, Auditory, and Olfactory Cues
 - I. Handler Activation of Hunting
 - J. Shaping Hunting Behavior: Hide Placement
 - K. The Alerts: Passive and Aggressive
 - L. Reward from Source Training with BSD Device
 - M. Deployment Consideration
 - N. Vehicle Sniffs
 - O. Luggage and Package Sniffs
 - P. Building and Residence Sniffs
 - Q. Warrant sniffs
 - R. Miscellaneous Sniffs
 - S. Blank Areas
 - T. Currency (Narc) Sniffs
 - U. Explosives Detection: Deployment Issues
 - V. Narcotics Detection: Deployment Issues
- VII. Handler Courses: Teaching & Administration
 - A. Matching K9s and Handlers
 - B. Preparing a Curriculum
 - C. Common handler Issues
 - D. Correcting Handler Behavior

- E. Creating the Team Concept
- F. Setting up Training in Handler Course: Scenario Based Training
- G. Creating efficient scenarios
- H. Designing certification Problems
- I. In-Service Training Issues.
- VIII. Problem Solving
 - A. Behavioral Foundations
 - B. Changing Behavior: Reinforcement & Punishment
 - C. Identifying Key Issues in Remediation Training
 - D. Choosing Techniques for Remediation Process
- IX. Administration
 - A. Case Law: Apprehension
 - B. Case law: Narcotics
 - C. Case law; Explosives
 - D. Case Law Tracking/Trailing
 - E. Case Law for Supervisors
 - F. K9 Health & Welfare
 - G. K9 Supervisor : Handler Selection, Unit Management, K9 Policies, Liability Issues.
 - H. Record Keeping
 - I. Training Regimen: Scenario Training, Remediation, Problem Solving.