

2024 WSPCA Conference Schedule

Monday, September 23, 2024

0900 to 1200 - Registration and Check In – Naples Ball Room

1200 to 1300 - Lunch Break

1300 to 1330 Welcome and Orientation

1330-1400 WSPCA Annual Meeting

1400-1600 – Trainers Panel

1600 – 1700 - Trainer/Decoy Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

0800-1000

Naples #1 Classroom – **Managing Extreme Bite Control Issues – Step by Step Process to ensure a clean bite release on dogs that refuse a verbal release. – Bob Eden** - This class will discuss the root causes of extreme bite issues and provide a better understanding for handlers on understanding the problem and offer solutions to better bite management. Many trainers and handlers use increasingly more compulsive techniques in their attempts to get their dog to release a bite, which exacerbates the issue and doesn't provide any long-term solution.

I'll be going through the process to provide a solution to help officers understand the problem and providing a step-by-step guide, supported by new video clips obtained during a recent course, to teach officers a solution that can resolve this issue.

Naples #2 Classroom – **Street Worthiness (Daryl Gaunt)** - How do you prepare for your dog's first engagement? How do you prepare for that one percent who would rather kill your dog than go to jail? How do we wean a sport dog off equipment and being a suit junkie instead molding him into an active hunter who will love to engage?

We will discuss exercises and changing mentalities in dog training and show you how to make your dog bullet proof. This training is a must when preparing your dog for that next deployment. It incorporates real world situations with life like engagements. It will prepare your dog for the stress of a knock down drag out fight with a suspect. We focus on giving the dog the right picture for as many situations as we, or you can imagine. You have to expose your dog to these environments in training first to ensure success in real deployments. We will expose the dog to ground fighting, elevated bites, confined spaces, water, lowering/lifting, hidden sleeves, back/chest/leg bites and much, much more.

Naples #3 Classroom - **"The Detection Dog Cheat code" Building a Reliable Detection Dog Team, (Cameron Ford)** - In this class, we explore the most common training practices and set ups, that rarely occur in real-world scenarios. We will discuss how to make simple yet impactful changes to our training practices to develop reliable detection dogs that focus on seeking target odor rather than relying on the "cheat codes" we've unintentionally taught them.

1000-1200

Classes – Naples Ball Room

Naples #1 Classroom - **"Using a 30' Line as a Tactical Tool" (Jimmie Davenport)** – This class illustrates how to use the 30-foot lead on a variety of ways to the handler and K9s advantage. Videos of actual engagements and deployments are used to illustrate class points.

Naples #2 Classroom - **"K9 in the Crosshairs!" (Steve White)**
How to keep yourself out of jail, your unit out of trouble, and your community in your corner.

Naples #3 Classroom – **Perimeters (Operations, as well as Command and Control) From the Boots on the Ground Perspective and K-9 Search Team Tactics (Mike Goosby)**- The perimeter portion of the class will provide the student with instruction from the boots on the ground perspective on how to contain and capture suspects who have fled to evade arrest by effectively establishing a perimeter, communicating tactical broadcasts during foot pursuits, the responsibilities of responding units, what the suspect is thinking, his tricks to evading arrest, perimeter management, as well as command and control. The goal is to increase your dog's chances of getting out of the car and being utilized to search for outstanding suspects and increasing your dog's find ratio.

The K-9 search team tactics portion will cover K-9 search team configurations (patrol, all K-9, SWAT), the individual K-9 search team member responsibilities, effective REAL-WORLD K-9 search team tactics, and K-9 search tactics for yard to yard and building environments. Mike will debrief actual K-9 incidents, provide information, and conduct practical application hands on training, that will enable you to provide teach backs for members of your own department or agency.

Noon – 1300

Lunch

1300-1700

Detection Field Activities

Patrol Field Activities

The hands-on training and scenarios will be posted for sign up in the registration area after the last class on Monday at 1715 hours. As always, we must limit the number of handlers at any one site to start the day, but after the start you are free to move from one location to another.

Wednesday September 25, 2024

0800 to 1000 - Classes – Naples Ball Room

Naples #1 Classroom – **SWAT K9 (Daryl Gaunt)** Many tactical teams use dogs for a variety of reasons and in a variety of jobs. Whether you are assigned to a team or not this training can benefit you and your partner. We cover the following training concepts; Team Integration and Tactical Obedience, Vehicle Integration and Postures, Gunfire/Flashbang/Explosive Breach Indoctrination, Area Search, Building Search, Barricade and Vehicle Deployments, Arrest Team Techniques, Gas Indoctrination and Street Worthiness! We will also have several tactical debriefs from real world deployments.

Naples #2 Classroom – **"Old Wine in New Bottles" (Steve White)**

Necessity, proportionality, and de-escalation . . . what good tactics have always been.

Naples #3 Classroom – **"Readying Police Dogs for their first Real Encounter" (Steve Stoops)**

Training practices and philosophies to greatly enhance your dog's performance when meeting a real-world adversary."

1000 to Noon - Classes – Naples Ball Room

Naples #1 Classroom – “**Report Writing for K9**” **Jimmie Davenport**, this class discusses the dos and don'ts for Police K9 handlers when writing use of force reports. Videos of actual engagements and deployments are used to illustrate class points.

Naples #2 Classroom – “**High Risk Tracking**” **Vince Bingaman**, This class will cover handler safety on the track and the tactics and training required to minimize risk to your teams. More than just training, but an overall mindset and tactical approach that can be repeated no matter what the environment.

Tracking vs trailing, k9 vs SWAT and breaking down the sometimes-overwhelming process of running a dynamic track without giving up officer safety. Learn why tracking is often the safer approach to suspect apprehension and why, "the tracking is dangerous myth", is just that, a myth.

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1900 to finish - WSPCA Social at The Edge Nightclub inside the Peppermill

Open bar with free drinks, raffle and music. Free to conference attendees and helpers.

Thursday, September 26, 2024

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Naples #2 Classroom- **Detection Dog Problem Solving (Ken Pavlick)** This class will focus on offering tips and techniques in training and deployment of detector dogs of all kinds. Particular emphasis will be on K9's novel response to large amounts of target odor via several case studies.

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