

2025 WSPCA Conference Schedule

Monday, September 22, 2025

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 23, 2025

0800-1000

Naples #1 Classroom – **“Steps to Effective Engagement” Howard Young** A frequently asked question is, how can I ensure that my dog will engage a suspect when the time arises? Conventional wisdom suggests that preparing your dog for real world engagements involves a myriad of activities in order to remove any confusion for the dog. If we have done our due diligence and selected the right dog for the job we must prepare the dog for battle. There are no shortcuts and it’s never just one thing that gets the job done. In this class Howard will share a recipe to prepare your dog for real world engagement. Note; the class explores a variety of techniques. In this industry many things are ever evolving, but many times techniques are cyclical and have a way of coming back around again. Whether the technique is “new” or simply a “rebranded technique” it’s imperative that it’s done to fidelity.

Naples #2 Classroom – **Stress Inoculation for K9’s (Daryl Gaunt)** – This is a series of exercises designed to replicate high stress situations during training to better prepare the dog for encounters on real life deployments.

Naples #3 Classroom - **“Parcel Interdiction”; Michael Victorino**; Introduction to parcel interdiction, package profiling, fostering relationships with FedEx, UPS and USPS, legalities surrounding parcel sniffs and seizures.

Naples #4 Classroom - **“Pipeline Criminal Interdiction”; Gary Hadden**; Pipeline Criminal Interdiction includes the goals of the activity. Explains the methods used to achieve interdiction goals and list the common concealment locations in various types of vehicles. Doing interdiction on the highway and roads this class is for you.

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 – **“Improving Patrol Dog Handler Decision Making”** Jeff Meyer
Police Patrol Dogs handlers face two common issues in modern policing. Addressing these issues through education, proper dog training and sound tactics can be key components to a successful outcome. In this new HITS presentation, Jeff will discuss “Chasing the Bite and Letting the Dog Dictate the Tactics”. Jeff’s presentation works through the manifestation of these phenomena, how they perpetuate and most importantly, the steps you can take to avoid the costly and sometimes deadly issues surrounding them.

Naples #3 Classroom – **“Value of Custody K9”** Chris Oliver; K9 capabilities to combat contraband in a custody setting shared with knowledge of the games inmates play.

Naples #4 Classroom – **Bark Fence – Brian Laas and Adrian Peach**; Utilization of the Bark Fence activating power and aggression.

Noon – 1300

Lunch

1300-1700

Detection Field Activities

Patrol Field Activities

Wednesday September 24, 2025

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 – **“Narcotics in the Mail” Chris Oliver**; K9 capabilities to combat contraband in through the mail.

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Naples #4 Classroom - **“Five Outs”; Jason Massey** – Understanding the importance of achieving a reliable “OUT” command-why it matters, and five effective methods in achieving that out off the bite.

1000 to Noon - Classes – Naples Ball Room

Naples #1 Classroom – “Training and certifying your K9 on Fentanyl” (Gary Hadden)

Students will know why K9 detection to Fentanyl and Fentanyl laced drugs are a vital part of the war on drug trafficking. How to effectively utilize your k9 partner in a safe and effective manner. Safety measures in imprinting, training, and certifying. How to testify, reference “unintended imprintation” Utilizing the k9 in an interdiction program as part of the overall strategy to reduce the flow of illegal drugs and drug proceeds. Filing Charges and testimony. Educating Handlers, Trainers, CO-workers, and Prosecutors. Pill Mills (fake vs. real) Scenario Based Training (Traffic Stops, Training at active facilities). Learn from Mistakes (Train to correct them). Prepping Vehicles, Reports Matching Video and Certifications (Internal, External, Single-Blind or Double Blind) Defense Experts. Interior Vehicle K9 searches? Fentanyl and Xylazine and Currency.

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- **Patrol Field Activities**

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 25, 2025

1000 to 1200 - Classes – Naples Ball Room

Naples #1 Classroom – “Resolving the Out”; Bob Eden

Many bite work problems start with the extreme conditioning of the dogs’ behavior from the time they are a puppy. Often, we exacerbate the issues by resorting to techniques such as “lift offs” or “hard outs” which are trained as resolution by some trainers, but often only make the issues worse. These problems are intensified by dogs that are bred to be more pain resistant, trained to fight harder and many that are prone to pain induced aggression. Understanding the physiological changes that occur in these dogs as well as some basic fundamental background can help you develop techniques to understand how to overcome extreme bite issues. If you have a dog that will not release a bite on command, you are putting yourself at a major risk for potential liability and you are less tactically sound on the street.

This class will help you to understand the problems and provide you techniques to help you clean up your bite work to obtain a more controllable and responsive dog.

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