



Reading Your Dog-The 7 Steps

Understanding and Reading your Detection Dog

Two Day Seminar with Kyle McCraith, in Easton, CT

July 15th and 16th

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KYLE MCCRAITH

I offer canine behavior consulting and training based on proven, science-based principles. I adhere to LIMA (Least Intrusive, Minimally Aversive) techniques and use my academic, professional and real-world trainings and experiences to assess and modify canine behaviors.

- Trained and certified teams nationwide for NAPWDA.
- Examiner/Certifier for NAPWDA (NAPWDA.com), and previously NYS DCJS.
- Only 1 of 2 NAPWDA Master Trainers in NYS.
- Many years' experience handling, training and deploying dogs.
- Taught, trained & experience in canine communication, behavior and behavior modification.

9/2015 – Present

DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, INSTRUCTOR

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT COBLESKILL, CANINE TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT BT

CHAIRPERSON'S ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES, COURSES DEVELOPMENT, STUDENT ADVISEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, COURSE INSTRUCTOR FOR CANINE TRAINING, CANINE HANDLING, BEHAVIOR, TRACKING, AGGRESSION, DETECTION.

5/2017 – PRESENT

MASTER TRAINER. NORTH AMERICAN POLICE WORK DOG ASSOCIATION

Utility and Explosives Detection Canine Teams

Provide training, certification and mentorship for police, military and Search and Rescue Canine Teams.

3/2016 – 8/2018-MASTER SERGEANT/DEPARTMENT'S K9 TRAINER. ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

6/2011 -1/2016-POLICE K9 HANDLER. US MARSHALL'S NY/NJ REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCE (ALBANY, NY)

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5/2016-BA SOCIOLOGY, SUNY POLYTECHNIC. UTICA, NY

5/1985-AAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ADIRONDACK CC. GLENS FALLS, NY

Seminar

There are EIGHT working spots each day and unlimited audit spots. All dogs should be familiar with Birch, Anise and Clove. Day One will be directed towards the newer Teams, giving you an in-depth understanding and knowledge of reading your dog. Day Two will challenge the seasoned Teams and Professionals, perfecting the techniques applied. Both days will be a valuable learning experiences, in class and in the field, for all levels. Any handler attending **BOTH** days, in any combination, will receive **10%** off the amount. There will be a wait-list maintained as working spots become filled. All enrollment must be received by July 1, 2023.

Refunds: 100% refund prior to July 1, 2023 after July 1st, 50% refund unless your working spot has been filled by the wait-list. If you submit enrollment for a working spot and become wait-listed, you will automatically be placed in an audit spot and refunded the difference if a working spot does not open.

Hospitality: Coffee and pastries/muffins will be available during check-in each day. Lunch will also be provided each day during the break at Kyle's discretion.

Hotels that accept dogs: *Days Inn by Wyndham Ridgefield*, 296 Ethan Allen Hwy, Ridgefield, CT 203-438-3781 *Circle Hotel Fairfield*, 417 Post Road, Fairfield, CT 203-255-0491

No Pets *Hotel Hi-Ho*, 4180 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield, CT 203-259-5264 *Best Western Plus*, 100 Kings Highway Cutoff, Fairfield, CT 203-659-2200

Day 1

8:30-9: Registration, welcome, housekeeping, agenda overview.

9a-9:45a: Lecture (whiteboard or PowerPoint).

Reading your Dog-the 7 Steps.

An academic approach to reading individual dogs based on signals exhibited by the dog. Simplifies and identifies how to properly read and interpret dog's signals.

9:45a-10:30a: Lecture (whiteboard or PowerPoint).

Eight Body Language Indicators of Search Dogs.

A breakdown of 8 typical signals given by search dogs. Applies to detection, tracking and patrol applications. Provides a basis for handlers to read their own dogs and assist others in reading theirs.

10:30a-12p. Fieldwork. Working teams conduct basic detection drills and applying the concepts presented in above lectures. Q&A ongoing and encouraged from working and audit participants.

12p-12:30p. Lunch.

12:30p-4:30p. Continuation of field work. Problem solving as needed.

Day 2:

8:30-9a: Registration, welcome, housekeeping, agenda overview.

9a-12p: Advanced detection scenarios based on needs of working teams. Problem solving as needed. Q&A ongoing and encouraged from working and audit teams.

12p-12:30p: Lunch

12:30-4:30: Fieldwork continued. Advanced detection scenarios based on needs of working teams. Problem solving as needed. Q&A ongoing and encouraged from working and audit teams.

Odors: Birch, Anise, Clove, Cypress. If you want another odor, please comment with enrollment. You will be asked to also bring it with you to be used that day.