

SEARCH AND RESCUE DOG TRAINING

Are you looking for a job with your dog? Search and Rescue is a challenging but rewarding experience for both dog and handler. Our once a month training day as well as our annual 4-day seminar will enable you and your dog to be trained in tracking, area search, article search, obedience, agility, building search, and cadaver work. Our one-time assessment will determine if your dog has the necessary drives, instincts, and physical endurance to be able to progress through the different levels of training to eventually certify to the standards of Search and Rescue Dogs Ontario. Once you have obtained the Advanced Level of training with Search and Rescue Dogs Ontario you then will be able to prepare for certification under OSARVA/OPP civilian volunteer search and rescue provincial canine standards. As a handler you will also be required to belong to a Search and Rescue Group under the Ontario Search and Rescue Volunteer Association (OSARVA) to be certified by the OPP.



Dave Walker is the training director of Search and Rescue Dogs Ontario. He is also the Training Coordinator/Handler for the Hamilton Police Service Volunteer Search and Rescue Canine Team and is a provincially certified SAR handler under OSARVA/Ontario Provincial Police.

Dave is an internationally certified police dog trainer/ judge with over 25 years' experience training police dogs, prison dogs, and search and rescue dogs. His unique skills and experience as a law enforcement canine trainer and handler makes him one of Canada's most experienced SAR dog trainers. Dave has the necessary skills and expertise to properly train you and your dog for the challenging and rewarding of search and rescue canine work.

Dave Walker/Training Director - SAR K9 Wile. E"

Dave and his team of qualified instructor/trainers have the necessary working dog skills and real life SAR canine experience to help you achieve your goal of becoming a SAR canine handler with your dog. As current working volunteer SAR Canine Handlers for law enforcement agencies they will ensure that your training is what is required in the field.



**Hetty Abma
Instructor
SAR K9 "Ryker"**



**Ray Lau
Training Assistant
SAR K9 "Ace"**



**Marianne Ivancsics
Training Assistant
SAR K9 "Bliss"**

Search & Rescue Dogs Ontario is a non-profit organization and does not receive any government funding. Generous donations from the community and our monthly training days/annual seminar for the public is our sole source of funding. We offer our service at no cost to Police Services across the province. Donations are made through the Hamilton Mountain Rotary Club who sponsors our team.

SEARCH AND RESCUE
MONTHLY WORKSHOP
(7 hrs.)

- \$150.00 With dog** - Donation to Hamilton Mountain Rotary Club
(working dog evaluation required)
- \$75.00 Without dog** - Donation to Hamilton Mountain Rotary Club
- Saturday morning 8am-3pm (May-August) -9am-4pm (September-April)
 - Bronte Creek Prov. Park-Oakville. Park entrance fee not included in registration fee. www.ontarioparks.com/english/bron.html
 - SAR Equipment (Tracking Harness, 30'line,Tracking Flags(Provided), search collar required, tug toy/kong)
 - All components of SAR canine work will be taught- Tracking, Area Search, Article Search, Building Search, and Obedience.

For those interested in pursuing Search & Rescue Canine Certification we recommend focusing their efforts on tracking first (see Tracking Training Session) as this is the most challenging component of the Ontario Provincial Police Civilian Search and Rescue Canine Certification. We recommend pursuing a Canadian Kennel Club (www.ckc.ca) or North American Mixed Breed (www.nambr.ca) tracking title to see whether you and your dog enjoy this type of work.

Once you have attained a TDX in tracking and CD or equivalent in obedience you may then attend the once-a-month training day to prepare you for the OPP Certification. You must also become a member of Ontario Search & Rescue Volunteer Association (www.osarva.net).

SEARCH & RESCUE
CANINE EVALUATION
(1.5 hrs.)

- \$275** - Donation to Hamilton Mountain Rotary Club
- This formal, 1.5 hour evaluation is for any individual wishing to train a Search Rescue Dog to certification level. The evaluation is to assess your dog to see whether it has the necessary drives to reach the Ontario Provincial Police Canine Certification level. As training a Search & Rescue Canine is a major personal commitment we believe you should be clear on your dog's capabilities before you begin your training. This evaluation is not a prerequisite to the Tracking Training session.

SEARCH AND RESCUE
CANINE
ANNUAL SEMINAR
(4 day)

- \$450.00 With dog- Donation to Hamilton Mountain Rotary Club
- \$250.00 Without dog - Donation to Hamilton Mountain Rotary Club

- The 4-day seminar will take you step by step through the required components of a SAR canine which includes tracking, area search, article search, building search, obedience, agility, with an introduction to cadaver search and drowned victim search.
- Search and Rescue Canine Evaluation included.

LOCATION: Bronte Creek Provincial Park (Oakville)---Parking lot "A"-
www.ontarioparks.com/english/bron.html

TIME/DATE: - Monthly Workshop. Call, or email for next months date
- Annual Seminar will be held in Spring 2012-TBA

REGISTRATION: - Email info@sardogsontario.com for information package and registration form