

SEARCHER/FLANKER TRAINING:

A searcher is a person who participates on a grid team. A flanker is a person who goes into the field with the handler/K9 and performs the navigation and communications so the handler can devote full attention to their dog. Our searcher/flanker training consists of:

- Map & compass training
- GPS training
- Radio communications and usage
- Equipment selection and use
- Search procedures

K9 TEAM TRAINING:

- Puppy starter training to complete operational level
- K9 search techniques and strategies
- Scent movement and theory
- Both live and human remains training

K-9 SPECIALTY TRAINING:

K9 specialty training is anything beyond the Federation operational level and consists of:

- Article search
- Snow burial
- Building search
- Disaster
- Elevated subject
- Water search



We train in a variety of locations, but here are a few of our favorites:

- Oatka Park (Monroe county)
- Genesee County Park (Genesee county)
- Ted's house (Livingston county)
- Carlton Hill (Wyoming county)
- Black Creek Park (Monroe county)
- Northampton Park (Monroe county)
- Federation events (state wide)

For more information on Training Standards or Membership Information please visit our website at:

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Donations are always appreciated. As a non-profit team, funding is the sole responsibility of each individual team member. Handlers own their dogs, are responsible for their dog's food, and any charges incurred at a vet. Any donations received will go toward team equipment and training to maintain a readiness for disasters like the Twin Towers in NYC on 9/11/01. Send Donations or Letters of Interest to:

WNY SearchDogs, Inc.
885 Wheatland Center Rd
Scottsville NY 14546



Zoe at 14 months old, closing in on a subject!



A training exercise with Skova

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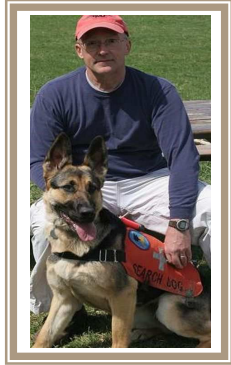
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profit organization
specializing in K9
Search & Rescue and
Wilderness Searches**



About Us:

TEAM COORDINATOR & K-9

TRAINING OFFICER: Ted Vogel with K-9 Zoe



Ted is from Dansville NY and his K9 Zoe is operational. Ted is also a member of the NY State Federation K9 committee and is a Federation K9 team evaluator/tester. Other interests include amateur radio and he is an Amateur Extra class with callsign K9WNY.

SEARCH MANAGER: Jim Inglis



Jim is from Scottsville NY and has been doing search & rescue for 21 years and serves as a Team Leader. Jim has attended the National Association of Search & Rescue's Managing the Search Function course. Jim is also a New York State DEC certified Crew Boss.

TEAM SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Nicky Doolan with K-9 Skova



Nicky resides in Brockport, NY with her husband Rory and her two children, Seth and Natalie. She started with the team in January of 2007 with her K-9 Skova (operational). Nicky is a student at Roberts Wesleyan College and is pursuing a M.S. in School Psychology.



MEMBERS IN TRAINING



Rory Doolan

Tammy Romaine

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Amie Craft

Rick Craft

LIFE MEMBERS

Keith Newton

Lucy Newton



How our dogs search:



We train our dogs in air scenting, not tracking/trailing. An air scenting dog works by picking up human scent that is primarily airborne (hence the term). They will range away from their handler, sometimes out of sight, but always under verbal control. Once the dog finds the scent cone, he follows the scent to its source. Once he finds the subject, he will return to his handler, give a trained alert (bark, jump, etc.) then do a "refind" taking his handler back to the subject.

OUR K9 CAPABILITIES INCLUDE:

- Air scenting; day and night
- Air scenting; human remains
- Snow burial
- Building search
- Elevated subject

OUR SEARCHER CAPABILITIES INCLUDE:

- Advance map & compass skills
- Advanced GPS skills
- MapTech Pro[®] software skills
- Search Management
- Grid search skills
- DEC Crew Boss & Basic Wildlands certifications
- CPR and basic first aid
- Amateur radio operators

