



Canine Search Solutions, LLC

Providing Law Enforcement with Highly Skilled and Professional Dog Teams for Use in Human Remains Detection and Scent Specific Trailing



2025 CSS Search Efforts

Canine Search Solutions (CSS) responded to five new cases and worked four cold and older cases. CSS consulted in a missing Alzheimer's subject case in South Dakota. CSS assisted in cases located in Wisconsin and Illinois.

- New cases that CSS responded to were two missing persons cases, one suicidal subject case, and two homicide cases.
- Cold cases that CSS responded to were three homicide cases and one suicidal subject case.

2025 Tracking Classes

CSS conducted seven tracking classes that took us around Wisconsin, St. Paul MN, Duluth MN, and Dubuque IA. Instructors for the classes were: Carren Corcoran Gummin (retired Madison Police), Wade Gummin (retired MPD) Jim Donnell (retired MPD) Terry Loos (retired MPD), Jason Baumgart (MPD), Matt Tate (Sauk County SO WI K9), Nick Mantsch (Darlington WI K9), and Josh Christman (Washburn County SO WI K9).



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Welcome New Dogs and Handlers to CSS



K9 Neo and Donna Yngve

K9 Neo is a 5 year old German Shepherd from Warkonhaus German Shepherds in PA. Neo passed his NNDDA Certification in April, 2025. Neo does everything vigorously whether it is working, training, playing, or swimming! This is Donna's second working partner.



CSS Tracking Scholarships

Congratulations to Matt O'Brien and K9 Storm for receiving the 2025 K9 Mila Scent Specific Tracking Scholarship!

Officer O'Brien and K9 Storm work for the Baraboo Police Department (WI) and they attended the Sauk County (WI) basic track class in June, 2025.

Advanced K9 Services

A new team has been formed in southern Illinois that is comprised of seasoned professionals and experts in the utilization of K9s trained for the single purpose of the detection of human remains. Advanced K9 Services is based out of Illinois but they serve other states as requested.

In January 2025, Advanced K9 Services assisted Quincy IL Police and St. Charles MO Police in a search for a missing woman. Responding teams were K9 Bosco and K9 Holmes.

To contact or request assistance from Advanced K9 Services :

Email info@advancedk9services.org or call 618.900.7656

<https://advancedk9services.org/>





Keeping the Working K9 Cool

-By Alyssa Palmer-

and this helps keep them cooler.

When planning to go on a search or work your dog, it is vital to have items available to help cool your dog down. Cool water is a must. Replace the water in their bucket as needed to make sure it is fresh and add few ice cubes to keep it colder. Pack a cooler with cold water and have a cooling coat or towels available to apply to your dog if you are noticing they are getting increasingly hot. I use a cooling coat that I keep in a smaller cooler with cold water and place it on my dog during breaks while searching. My dog has a darker coat and I have noticed he gets hot much faster than lighter coated dogs I have had in the past. Freezing water in 2 liter bottles and placing them in your dog's crate under a thin towel or blanket can also help create a cooler environment. Crate fans are important to help move your vehicle's AC toward your dog. Ryobi makes an excellent battery powered fan. When you do not have access to park under a shaded area, Aluminet Car Covers are an excellent option and really do help reduce the temperature in your vehicle.

(American Veterinary Medical Association) and the Penn Vet Working Dog Center, has shown that dogs who voluntarily dunk their heads partially into water can drop their body temperature significantly within the first 30 seconds and kept lowering it in five minutes. An example would be your dog dunking their head into a water bucket to retrieve their toy. If you have a dog that does this willingly it might be a go to method to get your dog cooled down.

Remember if you think your dog is having a heat related emergency cool them down first then transport to an emergency vet.

Have questions or want a list of high fat options to add to your dog's current diet?

Email Alyssa:

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Oso wearing a cooling coat

New research conducted by AVMA

If you look at the photo above you see a dog panting really hard with their tongue out quite far. This is a dog that is very hot (and happy). When you see your working partner panting like this, there are several things you can do help them cool down.

The first step is prevention, or how to prepare your dog to perform better in warmer climates. Scientific research has shown that dogs who are fed a high fat diet have a cooler body temperature while working. High fat diets can improve olfactory performance as well. Next time you are working out feel your "problem areas." Are they cool to the touch even though you have been sweating and working out? Fats are digested at a cooler temperature in dogs as well

Center for Forensic Training and Education

K9 SAR Summit

Carren was honored and humbled to be asked to be a presenter at the CFTE's first **FREE** 5-day virtual training for search and rescue handlers. The online summit was held in November of 2025 and had 3,749 attendees from 61 countries! There were 19 presenters including dog trainers, scientists, and veterinarians. The average Human Remains Detection Dog Handler incurs all costs for training their dogs. Most handlers' have full-time jobs and choose to provide this professional volunteer service to their communities, states, and country. Handler's evenings, weekends, and vacations are spent training their K9's and/or working cases. CTFE offered this free summit to simply support these incredible people.

Carren's topics were, Training Human Remains Detection Dogs for the Real World and Better Practices for Conducting a HRD Search. The presentations were well received

and Carren has been asked to present in 2026.

You can learn more about CFTE and their mission by visiting their web site:

<https://www.thecfte.com/>



K9 Moxy Retires



was obvious she was half black Labrador!

Hands down, Moxy has been the naughtiest dog I have ever handled. I had even considered placing her with a different handler because she was not a purebred German Shepherd however, I came to my senses because it was obvious she was a work horse with incredible drive. Moxy forced me to up my “dog handling game.” Moxy would clear huge tracts of land quickly and efficiently and became proficient at conducting searching while riding in a UTV.

searches and while it was not wrong it was not related to the cases.

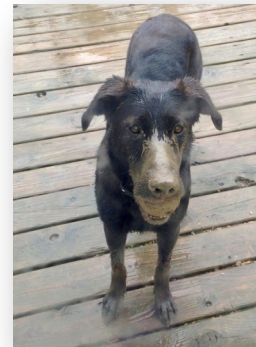
Moxy’s last search effort was in the fall of 2025. Her mind is still good and she is still mischievous as ever, but her body has become old and sore. In retirement, she is enjoying walks in the fields and woods of the paradise we now call home. Moxy supervises the younger dogs “chuck it” sessions and still insists on having her own ball to carry.

Thank you Moxy for your 10 years of service! I am forever grateful for our time together. It was never a dull moment.

-Carren Gummin

It is official that K9 Moxy is retired as of December, 2025. Moxy was born into rescue in December, 2013. Thank you ARF German Shepherd Rescue and Lori Fowler. Moxy’s mother was K9 Talia, a German Shepherd handled by Wade Gummin. Moxy was one of 9 pups and everyone believed she was going to be a black German Shepherd. Fate had different plans and when Moxy was six months old, it

Moxy obtained her first certification with NNDDA in 2015 in Beaumont, TX. She has assisted in approximately 65 cases in WI, IL, MI, ND, and KS. Many cases have been multiple deployments through the years. The cases varied from cold cases to homicides, plane crashes, drownings, scattered skeletal recoveries, burned remains and two landfill searches. Moxy had a knack for finding old cemeteries while on



THANK YOU!!

- Thank you to the Klondike Sportsmen’s Club in Pound, WI. CSS was provided full access to the shooting range to conduct a one day class for LE K9 Handlers in May 2025
- Thank you to All City Pet Care Emergency Vet Services in Sioux Falls, SD for treating Oso after he and a large raccoon got into a tangle, requiring a few stitches for Oso.
- **HUGE THANKS** to every handler and dog for their hard work this year, we cannot continue this work without you all!!
- Thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout all the years, we are so grateful.

