



# Canine Search Solutions, LLC

*Providing Law Enforcement with highly skilled and professional dog teams for use in Human Remains Detection and Scent Specific Trailing*



## 2023 CSS Search Efforts

- CSS responded to a total of 12 new cases and revisited 9 previous cases
- We responded to cases in Wisconsin and Illinois
- CSS responded to 6 missing persons cases, 3 cold cases, 2 homicide cases, and 1 undetermined case
- The 9 revisited cases consisted of cold cases from as early as 1985 to more recent cases from 2022
- The revisited cases were from various areas in Wisconsin

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### Citrus County, FL Search



In March 2023, Nicole Mosta and K9 Mr. Gibbs were called to assist the Citrus County Sheriff Office for a missing person. Nicole was given specific areas to search and K9 Gibbs did not provide indications that he detected the odor of human remains. This provided vital information to law enforcement to rule out a theory regarding the missing person. The detectives had been told that the missing person was killed and taken away in a van. K9 Gibbs was able to provide information that no odor of human remains was in the parking lot where this had allegedly occurred.

Great job Nicole and K9 Gibbs.



# 2023 Patrol DogTrack Classes

In 2023, CSS had a total of 10 track classes that consisted of both the Basic and Advanced courses. Eight classes were in Wisconsin, one in North Dakota, and one in Minnesota. All the classes were for patrol dogs and hosted by various police departments. Lots of miles were completed this year, and approximately 60 excellent dog teams were run through all the classes!

Huge THANK YOU to everyone who taught and assisted in the 2023 classes...

Jason Baumgart, Jim Donnell, Anna Taylor, Jacob Korth, Justin Hoffman, Lucas Downs, Steve Clayton, Matt Kinneberg, Zach Degner, Nick Mansteh, Josh Christman, and Wade Gummin



**Marinette County WI Track Class**



**North Dakota Track Class**

**For upcoming 2024 Track Classes please check the web site:**

**[caninesearchsolutions.net](http://caninesearchsolutions.net)**

**Or**

**contact Carren Corcoran Gummin at [coren0120@gmail.com](mailto:coren0120@gmail.com)**



K9 Gary

## **New Tracking Certifications**

Congratulations to K9 Gary and Alyssa Palmer who achieved their first tracking certification with INBTI (InterNational Bloodhound Training Institute) on June 27, 2023. Carren Corcoran Gummin certified K9 Gary and Alyssa.





# CSS 2023 Tracking Scholarships Recipients



Congratulations to Gage Miller and K9 Brina of the City of Wahpeton Police (ND) who received the 2023 K9 Mila Scholarship. Gage and K9 Brina attended the Basic Tracking Class in the fall of 2023. K9 Brina is a narcotics and tracking K9, and is a half Belgian Malinois and half German Shepherd. Gage said, "Brina is a rockstar, I just follow behind her!"

Congratulations to Dave Trevelen and K9 Riggs of Antigo Police Department (WI) who received the 2023 K9 Slim Scholarship. K9 Riggs is a dual-purpose K9 for the Antigo Police Department.



To apply for a CSS Scholarship please go to [caninesearchsolutions.net](http://caninesearchsolutions.net) and fill out the application

## New Dog to the CSS Team



**Meet K9 Bodie!!** Dennis Schenk picked up a new puppy to become his fourth working partner. Dennis selected K9 Bodie from Chasin' A Dream Labradors in WI. Dennis describes K9 Bodie as extremely energetic, loves people, and has a good work ethic. K9 Bodie is currently being trained in Human Remains Detection. At only 6 months of age, K9 Bodie passed a L.E.T.S. (Law Enforcement Training Specialist) land and water certification in June 2023.



# K9 DECON

## **WHAT EVERY HANDLER NEEDS TO KNOW TO KEEP THEIR DOG SAFE**

*-By Kathleen Kelsey*

When you hear the term, “K9 Decon” you may think that it does not apply to you. That if you are never going to respond to a building collapse or a hurricane or any other manmade or natural disaster, that this topic is not relevant to you. K9 decontamination is as important, perhaps even more important, for non-disaster working dogs!

First, remember that not all hazardous exposures are traumatic and acute. A low-level exposure left unaddressed could create a real problem. For example, your K9 walking through a contaminated puddle may not seem like a big deal, but if your dog lays in their crate and begins self-grooming and licking their paws, they ingest that contaminant. Many contaminants can be quite dangerous at very low levels, even lethal when ingested.

Second, hazards include more than toxic chemicals. Every dog is at risk of exposure of some sort. Human Remains Detection handlers (HRD) respond to a wide variety of environments, including hoarding situations and abandoned areas. Law Enforcement K9 teams come in close contact with suspects, resulting in exposure to bodily fluids. And do not forget, every target odor, whether human remains or narcotics poses a direct threat to your dog.

Third, very rarely do you have immediate access to a Hazardous Materials Team that can assist you in mitigating exposures. That means your dog’s first line of defense in the field is YOU. You owe it to them to be prepared to support them with medical situations as well as hazardous exposures. Besides the dish detergent commercial showing the duck covered in oil, there is not a lot of information available to handlers about K9 decontamination, especially not scientifically validated information. (NOTE: dish soap is actually proven to NOT be the best cleanser for K9 decontamination)

Dr. Erin Perry, K9 handler and decon expert at Southern Illinois University, researched the most effective cleansers and created three protocols designed to address different types and severity of hazardous exposures. In the recently release online course, Protocols for K9 Decontamination, Dr. Perry gives you the step-by-step protocols you need to keep you and your dog safe. This course includes:

- 3 scientifically validated decontamination protocols (Including downloadable PDFs)
- Supply list of the exact items you need to successfully decon your dog
- List of the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) you should use to prevent cross contamination
- Training tips to ensure your dog is prepared and cooperative so your decon efforts are successful

**[Click to learn more about the Protocols for K9 Decontamination](#)**

**“I always thought using dish soap to decon a dog was the way to go. The online course demonstrates the way to clean your dog.”**

**-Carren Corcoran Gummin**



# Still Missing: Melissa Trumpy

**MISSING PERSON**

**\$5,000 Reward**

**Melissa Ann Trumpy**



**Date Missing:** October 26, 2021  
**Age:** 37  
**Sex:** Female  
**Race:** White  
**Hair Color:** Blonde  
**Eye Color:** Blue  
**Height:** 5'10"  
**Weight:** 163 lbs  
**Missing From:** Monticello, Wisconsin






Melissa was last seen on Tuesday night, October 26, 2021 in Monroe, Wisconsin. Authorities believe she traveled from Monroe, Wisconsin to Shannon, Illinois. Melissa's vehicle was later located abandoned on a rural road in Stephenson County, Illinois. She has not been seen or heard from since that day.

**ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT**  
 Green County Sheriff's Office (608) 328-9581  
 Anonymous tips may be eligible for a cash reward and can be reported to the Green County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-422-7463



Clearinghouse for Missing & Exploited Children & Adults  
 Wisconsin Department of Justice  
 1-800-THE-HOPE (1-800-843-4673)

Name: MP5898

Melissa Trumpy was last seen on October 26, 2021 in Monroe, WI. Authorities believed Melissa was traveling from Monroe to Shannon, IL. Family and friends said that Melissa went to her boyfriend's residence in Shannon. The following day Melissa was reported as missing. Her vehicle was located abandoned in rural Freeport, IL. Family and friends believe that Melissa's boyfriend is responsible for her disappearance.

Multiple law enforcement agencies and volunteer groups have continued to actively investigate and search for Melissa. The agencies include, IL State Police, FBI, Federal Fish and Wildlife Police, WI DCI, and Green County Sheriff's Office (WI). CSS has been involved in this search effort and while we cannot go into details, we are still assisting law enforcement in this case.

If anyone has any information regarding Melissa Trumpy contact the Green County Sheriff's Office: 608.328.9581



## K9 TALIA RETIRES!

K9 Talia has officially retired from HRD work and tracking. Talia and her 10 puppies were taken in by ARF German Shepherd Rescue. K9 Talia was evaluated by the Madison Police Dept. for police work, but was capricious with her bite work. Talia was then evaluated by Carren and Wade and she excelled in scent specific tracking and also HRD. Talia has a masters degree in human communication, which made her easy to read. Talia worked dozens of cases with multiple confirmed finds and recoveries. Talia was methodical and did not like to give her trained final response until she was on source - a great strength, that at times, was hard on her impatient handler! Talia now spends her time smelling every inch of her country domain, vocalizing her opinions, and using her refined palate to test meals and treats before taking extended naps.

## K9 ALLIED RETIRES!

In 2016, Jason Baumgart traveled to Shallow Creek Kennel to select a K9 partner and K9 Allied was chosen after viewing multiple dogs. Once they finished school, Jason and K9 Allied started in-house training which included, Kochoer Mantrailing. Tracking was always one of K9 Allied's favorite jobs to do. K9 Allied was integrated with the SWAT team and participated in several tactical events and search warrants. SWAT operators enjoyed having him along as he could be trusted in tight spaces. K9 Allied also participated in hundreds of public demos for adults and children. After over 1,000 deployments, K9 Allied began having neurological issues and ultimately he was medically retired. K9 Allied's last day on patrol was in February 2023.

K9 Allied was sponsored by Laura Harrington and without her donation, Jason would never have had this wonderful experience and partner. Since retiring, K9 Allied has not had one seizure and enjoys the extra attention.



# Thank You For All The Support

## Dr. Bruce Cunliffe

Thank you for taking care of all dogs for Carren and Wade as they moved to a new area of WI

## Dr. Gina Geaudry and Packerland Veterinary Center

Your knowledge and kindness to our working dogs is greatly appreciated. We could not do this work without you!  
-Carren & Wade

## Crivitz Feed Mill

Thank you for supplying our monthly dog food needs at such an affordable price  
-Wade, Carren, Talia, Moxy, Freyja, and Tilt

## Dr. Bess Pierce

Thank you and your team at University of Missouri Sports Medicine & Rehab Clinic for their diligent efforts to help K9 Oma recover from a back injury and be able to assist in searches, including the Maui fires  
-Kathleen Kelsey

## Dixie County Sheriff's Office

I am appreciative to both investigator Carrie Barcia and Lt. Tony Lopresto. Thank you for being an essential part of the journey and for trusting K9 Mr. Gibbs and I to meet your needs.  
-Nicole & K9 Gibbs

## Jim and the late Leonora Lawhon Hale

Thank you for allowing us the use of your land for training and some rest and recreation, but most of all I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible support you both have provided me and the "DUDE." -Nicole and K9 Gibbs

## Beresford Vet Clinic

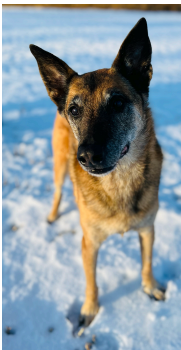
Thank you to the staff and vets who assisted in caring for K9 Hela during her cancer fight. Thank you so much for coming out to our place and treating K9 Hela with kindness, respect, and dignity.  
-Alyssa

## Arbor Ridge Vet Clinic and Dr. Hook

Thank you for treating K9 Allied wonderfully over the years  
-Jason Baumgart

## All CSS Handlers

Thank you for ALL you do!



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*K9 Hela passed away after battling cancer on April 6, 2023 at home with Alyssa by her side.*

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