

Community Involvement

We exist to serve the community and do so in a variety of ways.

- Our sponsorship of the "Make-A-Wish Convoy" benefits a young girl with leukemia.
- Throughout the year, we educate civic groups on the importance of a well-trained K-9 unit. These organizations



include Lancaster County libraries, Lancaster General Hospital, Boy/Girl Scouts, church, home-school, and senior citizen groups, Lions, Rotary, and Sertoma clubs, Strasburg Railroad "Thomas the Train", the Academy of Natural Sciences (Philadelphia), and many more.



Hug-A-Tree & Survive

A lost 9-year-old California boy succumbed to hypothermia. In response, the search team developed this nationally-known program to teach children how to prepare themselves before they go hiking, what to do if they become lost, and basic survival skills. The lessons learned may help searchers achieve a more rapid recovery.

We are available to make this valuable presentation to you and your organization for a nominal donation (to help cover our travel expenses). Please contact us at (717) 687-8873 or email us at rrk9sar@comcast.net.

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Funding...help us help you!

Search and rescue service to public safety agencies is provided by the Red Rose K-9 SAR Team **free of charge**. Our services benefit our local community residents, yet we are not regularly funded by any law enforcement or governmental entity.

Demand for this type of rescue work is increasing, as are the costs for providing service. **More than ever, we rely on private donations.** Contributions are tax deductible and help with the costs of supplies, veterinary bills, vehicle maintenance, and fuel.

Any amount is welcome. Please join us in our effort to provide the community with this crucial safety service. Contact us today.

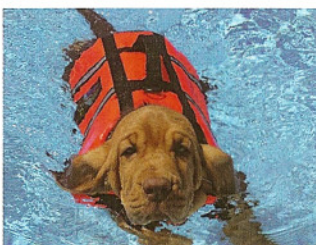
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New! Canine Pool and Exercise Area!

Now open for private use by appointment.



Swim and exercise with your dog!

What's good for you is good for your dog: fresh air, exercise, a refreshing dip in a pool, and a trip to the country! This summer, come join us for this unique type of recreation for you and your dog.

Available by appointment from May - September, you can have private access to one acre of securely-fenced land and our brand new therapeutic pool (20x50). K-9 vests for all sizes are available.

Donations for the use this facility go directly to the operational costs of the Red Rose K-9 SAR Team. Suggested donation: \$15 for the first 30 minutes; \$10 for each additional 30 minutes; \$5 for each additional dog (per owner).



Call for more information and a private appointment: (717) 687-8873.

Canine Pool and Exercise Area

2.8 miles south of the square in Strasburg
431 Weaver Road • Strasburg, PA 17579

Red Rose K-9

Search and Rescue Team

Man-Trailing Bloodhounds



Providing 24-hour emergency service to public safety agencies free of charge.

- Locating lost or missing persons
- Tracking criminals
- Providing education to emergency services organizations and the general public
- Teaching children the nationally-known "Hug-A-Tree" basic survival program

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Serving our community since 1989. A volunteer non-profit 501 (c)3.

Who we are

The Red Rose K-9 Search and Rescue Team was established in 1989 and incorporated in 1991, as a volunteer, non-profit organization. We exist to serve the community by utilizing specially-trained man-trailing Bloodhounds to locate lost or missing persons and criminals in all types of terrain and weather conditions.

Since 1989, the Red Rose K-9 Search and Rescue Team has worked toward educating emergency service organizations (police and fire departments) on the importance of utilizing Bloodhounds as a "first response" in any search situation.



Our dog team

We presently have five Bloodhounds. Our oldest team members are brothers, Beau and Shooter. They are black and tan in color and are very strong. The brothers have worked many different types of cases throughout their career and will soon retire to a life of leisure. Their favorite treats are pig ears and apples from our orchard.

Bailey came to us through the breed rescue and we offered her a good home that she appreciates. She is our "watch dog" and takes very good care of her Bloodhound family.

Our two youngest team members are Nellie and Heather. They were born in Canada. They are liver and tan in color and have greenish eyes. Nellie and Heather have been extremely successful with their training and we see a very promising future for them with our team. They love to swim in our pool and snack on apples and chicken strips!

Fully equipped and trained for "first response"



We could have helped...

In the early 1980's, a young girl with Down Syndrome died of hypothermia after wandering away from her Lancaster County home. She was found the next day, about 1/4 mile from her home.

This tragedy inspired us to begin our own K-9 team with Bloodhounds.

In 2003, we were honored with the prestigious "Jefferson Award" for public service to our local community. We were the first husband and wife team to receive this award.

Who we work with

We have working relationships with 34 local police departments and 16 fire departments. On occasion, we've had the opportunity to work with the FBI and U.S Marshals.

We responded together with fellow members of the Wilderness Emergency Strike Team and traveled to the Staten Island Recovery Site in New York where we helped to recover personal effects of the victims of the World Trade Center Attack.

We are both national trailing trial judges for the American Bloodhound Club and have instructed at Bloodhound training seminars throughout the country. We also maintain a local training group of active Bloodhound handlers.



Heather enjoys a refreshing -- and educational -- dip with her handler, Allen. Our new canine pool and exercise area is now open to the public.



Each year, we share happiness with children at the Mother's Day "Make-A-Wish" Convoy.



Training usually begins when a puppy is 8 weeks old and is ongoing throughout the life of the Bloodhound.



Bloodhounds have the greatest sense of smell of all the canine breeds, and must learn to trail specific human scent through varied terrain and weather conditions.

"A Bloodhound is not a dog that one simply owns or belongs to; it is a breed that totally envelops anyone who even casually becomes involved."

-- Roger Caras