



NDHP Trooper Cody Harstad
and K9 Tank



NDHP Trooper Steve Mayer
and K9 Boudreaux

TRAINING and QUALIFICATIONS

- INBTI Introductory Training School, Bismarck, ND
- INBTI Certification Training School, Watertown, SD
- INBTI Advanced K9 Tracking School, Madison, WI
- INBTI Assistant Instructor
- FBI Level 1 HSET Certification

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MANTRAILING

K9s



Law Enforcement K9s

Dogs have assisted law enforcement agencies for over 100 years, beginning in Europe in the late 1880s. In the 1970s, U.S. law enforcement began training and using dogs as integral members of their agencies. Dogs in law enforcement are now commonly used for detecting illegal drugs or explosives as well as tracking fugitives or locating missing persons. The North Dakota Highway Patrol bloodhounds serve a single purpose, which is scent discrimination trailing of individuals.

Mantrailing vs Mantracking K9s

Trained law enforcement bloodhounds can be used for tracking or trailing. Tracking involves the dog following a human scent and identifying ground disturbances along the way to locate an individual. Tracking K9s can follow scents and other identifiers within 30 minutes of the person passing through an area.

A mantrailing K9 tracks on a person-specific scent and does not track on ground disturbances. The scent is followed by trailing skin cells. A person releases 80 trillion skin cells per day. When these cells fall off the body, they emit a unique odor that differs from every other person. Mantrailing K9s follow these skin cells until the dog locates the subject of the search. Weather, wind, and topography determine how a mantrailing K9 works a trail. Mantrailing dogs will oftentimes work off the track by several feet and have the ability to locate a subject several days and potentially weeks after a person has passed through an area.



The North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) recognized the need for mantrailing K9s as the population and activity in western North Dakota increased due to oil exploration and drilling. Specifically, mantrailing K9s could be used for tracking fleeing individuals, locating missing hikers, and criminal investigation work. In 2013, NDHP obtained K9 Boudreaux who was partnered with Trooper Adam Dvorak and stationed in Williston.

A second mantrailing K9, Daisy, was obtained in 2014 and retired in 2017. That same year, bloodhound K9 Tank was obtained and partnered with Trooper Cody Harstad and stationed in Hillsboro to serve the eastern side of North Dakota. Following Trooper Dvorak's promotion, K9 Boudreaux was reassigned to Trooper Steve Mayer and is currently stationed in Bismarck to serve western North Dakota.

Tank and Boudreaux are pure bred bloodhounds. The K9 teams are certified through the International Bloodhound Training Institute (IBTI) and are ready to provide assis-

NDHP Mantrailing K9 Capabilities

- ◆ Tracking missing persons
- ◆ Tracking lost persons
- ◆ Tracking escapees
- ◆ Tracking fleeing persons
- ◆ Identification in scent line ups
- ◆ Assisting in criminal investigations
- ◆ Assisting in location of criminal evidence

