



Canine Wellness Workshop

The National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF), in conjunction with instructors Dr. Cynthia Otto, Tracy Darling and Dr. Erin Perry, is pleased to announce this outstanding training opportunity! We will be offering a Canine Wellness training workshop at our National Training Center (NTC) in Santa Paula, CA, May 5-6, 2018, as part of our mission to strengthen disaster response in America. This course will only be offered by SDF once in 2018 and is available to twenty (20) canine Handlers on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, up to ten (10) Observers may register for the full workshop in a hands-off capacity. This workshop is being made available to our nation's Handlers of *working* canines only.

Canine Wellness Course Description: The target audience for this workshop is trainers, handlers, and program managers responsible for the maintenance and physical conditioning of working canines. Three primary aspects of canine wellness will be the focus:

- a) K9 Fitness - This is an opportunity to build a repertoire of exercises that will enhance the working canine's performance and endurance as well as minimize their risk of injury. It will cover core strength, flexibility, proprioception (limb awareness), agility, strength building, and pre- and post-work stretching.
- b) K9 Nutrition - Participants will learn about ingredients, diet selection, and supplements. They will also leave with an understanding of dietary impact on olfaction and GI Upset in the field.
- c) Decontamination - Participants will leave with a thorough understanding of the types of contaminants, improved practices, required supplies, timing of decontamination and the impacts of failed decontamination.

Course Dates: May 5-6, 2018

Registration Deadline: April 6, 2018

Hours: 16

Handler Participant: \$360 per student/lunch provided daily

Observer: \$150 per student/lunch provided daily

Lodging: SDF's Handlers' Lodge or a local hotel of your choosing (see page 2)

Location: NTC, 6800 Wheeler Canyon Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060

Credit card payments are the preferred method of payment to reserve the Handler's place in this workshop and the Handler will be emailed a link once their completed registration form has been received. Handlers can pay the registration fee and for a bed in SDF's Handlers' Lodge at same time through this link.

Registration forms should be submitted electronically, by fax, or by standard mail. Electronic submissions should be sent to: kate@searchdogfoundation.org or by fax: (805) 640-1848

Checks may be mailed payable to:

Search Dog Foundation
6800 Wheeler Canyon Road
Santa Paula, CA 93060

For questions regarding this course, please contact: Kate Horwick
(805) 646-1015 ext 109 or Email kate@searchdogfoundation.org



CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY: If Handler chooses to cancel their registration for this Canine Wellness workshop, please notify Kate Horwick in writing (e-mail, letter). Cancellations received no later than 45 days before the first day of the Canine Wellness will receive a refund of 50% of the paid registration fee plus a full refund of lodging fee if a spot was reserved in SDF's Handlers' Lodge. Cancellations received no later than 30 days before the first day of the Canine Wellness will receive a refund of 25% of the paid registration fee plus a full refund of lodging fee if a spot was reserved in SDF's Handlers' Lodge. NO refunds will be issued for cancellations received less than 30 days before the first day of class.

EXCEPTIONS: Handler is deploying as a member of Task Force-2) Handler is a firefighter and is being assigned to a strike team or other *required* work-related duty.

If there are any questions about this policy, please contact Kate Horwick *before* registering for this workshop.

LODGING: There are two options for lodging – either in SDF's Handlers' Lodge at the NTC or a local hotel of Handler's choosing – at Handler's cost.

SDF's Handlers' Lodge – Two (2) large barrack-style dormitories containing ten (10) beds each are available to the first handlers to complete the payment process to reserve their bed. There will be a men's and a women's dorm room, which means there is a maximum of ten (10) beds available to each. The Lodge includes separate bathing facilities, a large kitchen, living area, and laundry room. The cost is \$40 per night and Handlers may reserve a bed for a minimum of four (4) nights and maximum of seven (7) nights. Beds will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis and are considered reserved when the fee has been paid. Handlers are permitted to bring their canines to the Lodge, but they will not work during this workshop and are not permitted in the Canine Pavilion, where the course is being taught.

There are many hotels and motels in Santa Paula and Ventura to choose from if Handler would prefer. Individuals not staying at the Handlers' Lodge are responsible for locating their own alternate accommodations.

MEALS: SDF will provide lunches each day of the course. Course participants are responsible for their own breakfast and dinner each day.

Logistical Information: Will be provided to registrants prior to workshop.

Airports

Los Angeles International (LAX) / Burbank (BUR) / Santa Barbara (SBA)

Rental Cars

Shuttle service is available to take participant from the airport terminal to their designated rental car location.

Course Location

SDF National Training Center 6800 Wheeler Canyon Rd. Santa Paula, CA 93060 (Phone: 888-4K9-HERO)

Course Registration

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Canine Wellness Workshop
Santa Paula, CA
May 5-6, 2018

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: _____

TF AFFILIATION/DEPARTMENT: _____

TASK FORCE/DEPT SUPERVISOR: _____

TASK FORCE/DEPT SUPERVISOR PHONE: _____

ALLERGIES/ MEDICAL PROBLEMS WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF: _____

LUNCHES WILL BE PROVIDED DAILY. LIST ANY FOOD RESTRICTIONS _____

NIGHTS AT SDF'S HANDLERS' LODGE: _____

COURSE FEE: \$360 Active Participant/\$150 Observer

HANDLERS' LODGE: \$40 per night

CHECK #: _____ AMOUNT: _____

P.O. #: _____ AMOUNT: _____

ONLINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: AMOUNT: _____