

DEMO DOGS

It is ideal if the hosting facility can provide “Demo Dogs” to help demonstrate some assessment and medical handling skills (lifts and restraints). Please let us know if you can provide dogs given the following constraints:

DOG SELECTION:

- Safe Environment: If the K9 is dog/people aggressive then the classroom is not a good fit for this class.
- Positive Experience. It's important that the K9 have a positive association with medical assessments and handling. The experiences the K9 has in the classroom can translate to future experiences in the real world. If exposure to a large group (humans and possibly other K9s) environment with potentially multiple people handling the K9 is not positive, then the classroom is not a good fit.
- Quality Education. Finally, if the K9 becomes a distraction, then classroom is also not a good fit.

FOR SELECTED DEMO DOGS... PLEASE BRING/REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:

- Bring your K9's muzzle – preferably one that is not used during agitation training. Ideally, your K9 should have a positive/calming association with the muzzle used for medical situations and the muzzle should be as open as possible. Use peanut butter or other safe positive training tools for muzzle acclimatization training.
- Water: Please ensure you have adequate water and a bowl/container to ensure your K9 remains hydrated throughout class.
- In some classes, there are exercises that cannot be done with the K9. It is best to provide a way to crate or otherwise secure the K9 at these times. If K9s are left in vehicles, they will need to be close by and checked periodically following our “Eyes On For Safety”™ 20min rule.
- Consider rewards. Since we want this to a positive experience for the K9, consider what type of reward might be appropriate. Many handlers bring treats.