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MASTER TRAINERS COURSE

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INTRO TO GAK9 MASTER TRAINERS COURSE

Thank you for your interest in our K9 Trainers School. Our program is truly world class. No other K9 training company trains more handlers from around the globe than we do. TTTK9 currently has K9 Training programs throughout the USA, Europe, Asia, and South America. No other training company trains more international police units than we do. There is a big reason for this trust: Results!

Our program is multifaceted and designed to train the experienced K9 Trainer in certain individual components to augment a current resume or from scratch to outfit an aspiring K9 handler with all of the tools they need to open their own dog training business! Our school features not only the dog-training part of things but also, how to manage and run a kennel/ K9 business. Your success is truly our success.

We also offer an incredible program for Government agencies interested in starting a new K9 unit. We provide all the training necessary for the new K9 Training coordinator to run his or her K9 Training program.



WHY IS OBEDIENCE IMPORTANT?

Obedience training plays a huge role in the quality of a dog's life, allowing him/her to live a longer, happier life with his/her human family. Obedience training provides a dog with leadership, socialization, communication, and attention. It provides a clear and consistent line of communication between you and your dog. Obedience training sets the foundation for a healthy relationship between you and your dog as well as helping to prevent behavioral problems from arising.



Our Complete Master Trainer Program consists of the following elements. Each component may be taken individually or as one course.

K9 Behavior & Obedience

K9 Health & Welfare and Nutrition

Environmental Desensitization

Trailing/ Tracking

Detection: Narcotics, Human Remains, Evidence

Georgia K9 NTC's training philosophy is fairly simple and straightforward. We believe the key to good training that works is based on three factors:

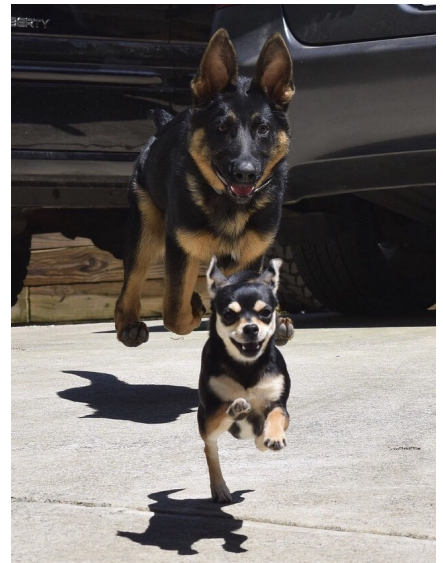
- 1) Socio-environmental Exposure and Maintenance
- 2) Understanding K9 Behavior
- 3) Proper Obedience through Correction and Reward

To begin with, dogs do have emotions, but they are not human rationale based. They are instinctual responses to stimuli based on genetic hard-wiring and social adaptation. Even though dogs think about things they do, they do not appear to have the ability to rationalize their emotional responses. Simply put, dogs just do not think the way we do and when we train them like we are working with a human, the training becomes confusing and conflicting.

Dogs require dog structure, not human structure. The way one would treat their child is not the way a dog should be treated. When a dog is handled in this fashion the dominance paradigm shifts and the dog begins to create its own structure. This K9 developed structure rarely fits the human home with any degree of normality and behavioral problems are bound to occur.

Such behavioral problems may manifest themselves in the form of:

- Aggression to people or animals
- Possessiveness of people
- Possessiveness of objects
- Housebreaking issues
- Destructive behavior
- Excessive barking
- Submissive urination
- Overeating
- Excessive water consumption
- Health problems



The reason for behavioral problems is often based on the fact that the dog owner is treating their dog like a human child with human structure that the dog does not understand. When a dog does not understand its place in the world or what is expected of it in K9 terms, the dog will often show symptoms of insecurity and will manifest related behavior. The bottom line is a dog needs to be taught in dog terms, not human.

Social Structure

We believe that one of the best ways to establish the beginnings of good behavior and sound temperament is pack structure with other dogs. There are no better teachers of good dog behavior than other dogs. When training our client's dog a very big part of their day is spent socializing with a "play group" suitable to the dog temperament. In fact, much of the training time is spent in this controlled environment. Our facility has multiple large and fenced dog runs throughout the property. Each run incorporates woods in a park like setting with plenty of room for all out play and running. Our trainees spend almost their entire day in this setting. There is very little kennel time at Georgia K9 NTC except during evening hours when each dog is housed separately in its own size-appropriate kennel.

Lots of social time also really helps to acclimate our trainees to their new environment quickly and with little anxiety. Once the new dog is accepted and playing in it's pack, we begin our formal training.

K9 Behavior

Dog behavior manifests itself through body language first. Subtle clues about what your dog is thinking about doing can be read through eyes, ears, posture, tone, and tail set. These clues are true canine language and when the dog owner can begin to read these "words" than real dog relationships can be formed.

Every training regimen must incorporate the ability to read and understand K9 body language. Without this ability, critical mistakes are bound to occur. The problem with such mistakes is that they are rarely forgotten. Georgia K9 NTC trainers teach dog owners about dog behavior and how to read it properly.



K9 Behavior Cont'd

On the same note, dogs read human body language and posture much the same way they read other dogs. Reading and understanding a pet's body language is not enough. Every pet owner **MUST** moderate his or her own behavior and body language to form a proper relationship.

Often times bad dog behavior is due to the owner telling the dog such behavior is perfectly fine through tone, verbiage, posture, and gesture. Georgia K9 NTC trainers not only train the dog but the owners as well.

Proper Correction & Reward Through Obedience

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The key to obedience is understanding that the human is the leader without exception. Georgia K9 NTC trainers will teach your dog the necessary obedience skills and in turn, teach you how to properly interact with your dog to enforce the obedience skills. You must always remain the leader you were meant to be.

Sometimes it necessary to correct your dog for unwanted behavior. A correction should only be a temporary and for what is going on at that moment. Since dogs learn by association, your correction should be just that; a negative association for an unwanted behavior and with appropriate timing. Most unwanted behaviors in dogs are a misunderstanding of what is right and wrong.

You cannot expect your dog to come into a new house and know the rules. Nor can you expect to sit a dog down, rationalize and explain the rules to it. Your dog is going to test his/her boundaries to see what is and is not allowed. Dogs do not act out of spite or stubbornness; therefore you cannot hold a grudge toward your dog when he/she does something wrong.

Rewarding your K9 for positive behavior is as important in the learning process as is correction. Physical praise is positive reinforcement for what is going on in that moment in time. This means if your dog is whining and crying, coddling and petting him/her is confirmation whining and crying is the proper way to act.

Georgia K9 NTC Trainers will teach you how to properly correct and reward your dog in every situation.



CERTIFICATION

Upon completion of any program, the student will receive a certification showing that he or she has successfully completed training for a variety of dogs and behavior types. The certificate is given once all phases of training have completed. The student will also be certified for training students in Obedience.

BASIC OBEDIENCE

Our Basic Obedience program will teach the dog manners and all the basic obedience commands when on a leash. The commands include: heel with an automatic sit, sit & down-stays at your side, sit & down-stays from a distance on leash, sit from down, and come with an automatic sit. Each command has corresponding hand signals that are as effective as verbal commands. The dog will also learn that when you say "no" the dog is expected to stop doing whatever he/she's doing when you say it. All necessary equipment including, leash & collar, and manual is provided.

TRAINING OPTIONS:

- Board and Train- The dog stays with us for an average of 14 days and we establish the foundation for all of the on-leash obedience before your dog goes home to the client. Once the board and train foundation is established the client gets one "Go Home" lesson and 2 follow-up lessons, to teach how to reinforce the training.
- By the Lesson at Owner's Home- This option is often the most flexible for many dog owners. We offer 10, one-on-one training sessions in the comfort of the clients own home. Each class is approximately thirty minutes to one hour in duration.
- By the Lesson- We offer 10, one-on-one training sessions with the owner present at our Edisto Island Facility.

ADVANCED OBEDIENCE

Our Advanced Obedience program will provide control of the dog under heavy distractions when the dog is on a leash. All of the Basic Obedience commands are taught as well as sit and down in motion. The dog will learn to come off leash under limited distractions, as well as hold the commands from a distance with a dropped leash. We will also teach our ever-popular "Place" command! All necessary equipment including, leash, collar, training tab, Mutt Mat, manual, and option to take the AKC Canine Good Citizen test is included. We introduce the Dogtra remote collar in these sessions.

TRAINING OPTIONS:

- Board and Train- The dog stays with us for an average of 21 days and we establish the foundation for all of the on-leash and dropped leash obedience before the dog goes home. Once the board and train foundation is established, we follow-up with one "Go Home" lesson, and 3 follow-up lessons to teach how to reinforce this training.
- By the Lesson at Owner's Home- This option is often the most flexible for many dog owners. We offer 16, one-on-one training sessions in the comfort of the clients own home. Each lesson is approximately thirty minutes to one hour in duration.
- By the Lesson- We offer 16, one-on-one training sessions with the owner present at our Edisto Island facility.

*Additional Training for Aggressive Dogs

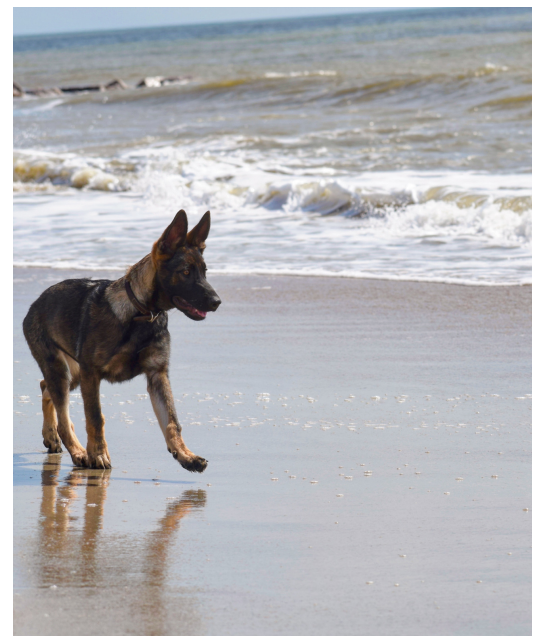


ELITE OBEDIENCE

Our Elite Obedience program will give control of the dog whether they are on or off a leash. All of the Basic and Advanced Obedience commands are taught under high distraction on leash. The dog will learn to work off leash under limited distractions as well as perform the commands from a distance. All necessary equipment including leash, collar, Mutt Mat, training tab, manual, and option to take the AKC Canine Good Citizen test is included.

TRAINING OPTIONS:

- Board and Train- The dog stays with us for an average of 28 days and we establish the foundation for all of the off-leash obedience before the dog goes home. Once the board and train foundation is established, we follow-up with one "Go Home" lesson, and 3 follow-up lessons to teach how to reinforce this training.
- By the Lesson at Owner's Home- This option is often the most flexible for many dog owners. We offer 20, one-on-one training sessions in the comfort of their own home. Each class is approximately thirty minutes to one hour in duration.
- By the Lesson- We offer 20, one-on-one training sessions with the owner present at our Edisto Island facility.



ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING

Environmental training is by far the number one training component outside of basic obedience. Our environmental training offers the average dog owner the ability to take their pet out into public places without annoying or embarrassing behavior.

More often than not, most dog fanciers keep their pets at home with little outside contact. The simple reason for this is the inability to cope with the dog's fear, aggression, or erratic behavior in new situations or locations. There is no reason why the average K9 companion cannot be truly that, a companion in most, if not all, situations.

Let our K9 trainers with years of real world working dog experience bring your dog to the comfortable place you really want them to be. We take our law enforcement K9 environmental association training techniques and give them a contemporary civilian twist. The result generally produces dogs that are confident and happy to be in almost every public setting. Imagine your dog accompanying you to the park or any outside event, right by your side in complete control.

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING INCLUDES:

- 1) Indoors/ public buildings
- 2) Outdoor public settings
- 3) Encounters with other animals
- 4) Traffic and public transportation
- 5) Desensitization to loud noises
- 6) Desensitization to surprising situations



K9 DETECTION

Our K9 Detection program is designed to teach the aspiring K9 trainer the tools necessary to train actual detection K9's. Actual police and military K9 handlers who are experts in their fields of K9 Detection Work built our system. The application we use may carry over to any form for K9 detection.

- **Narcotics Detection-** We use the following narcotics odors for training purposes: Marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine
- **Human Remains Detection-** We teach the aspiring handler the methods used to search for human remains in missing person and criminal cases. We also provide all training aides necessary for imprinting new dogs.
- **Evidence Detection-** Guns, knives, and crime scene evidence



K9 DETECTION - WEEK 1

Week 1 (40 Hours)

1. INTRODUCTION to DETECTION - Classroom

- A) Principles of Conditioning
- B) Obedience
- C) Equipment Types and Maintenance
- D) Olfactory System
- E) Odor Imprinting
- F) Scent Training
- G) Search Patterns
- H) Written Test (Taken at the end of the course)

2. TRAINING AIDS (Narcotics, Explosives, and HRD)

- A) Obtaining Training Aids
- B) Liability
- C) Safety/Handling

3. TRAINING RECORDS

4. HOW to TEST and SELECT THE APPROPRIATE K9

- A) Classroom and Practical
- B) Evaluation of Student Dogs
- C) Testing GAK9 Dogs
- D) Written Test on Testing and Selection

5. BUILDING RAPPORT, PLAYTIME vs. WORK-TIME

6. METHODS of IMPRINTING

- A) Types
- B) How to Determine what method to use
- C) Pros and Cons of each

7. BEGIN IMPRINTING - GREEN DOGS

- A) Student dogs and GAK9 dogs
- B) Video Debrief/Critique

K9 DETECTION - WEEK 2-4

Week 2-4 (120 Hours)

8. WHEN TO MOVE ON

- A) Adding the next odor
- B) Environmental Desensitization/Acclimation
- C) Aid Placement/Teaching a K9 What is Important
- D) Video Debrief /Critique

9. CONTINUE IMPRINTING

- A) Student Dogs and GAK9 Dogs
 - 1. Imprinting Method used will Vary based on testing of each K9 in week 1
 - 2. Aid Placement

10. DETECTION SEARCH TECHNIQUES

- B) Buildings
 - 1. Teaching Search Pattern (Detailed Search vs. Scan)
 - 2. Safety Concerns
 - 3. Building K9 Independence
 - 4. Video Debrief/Critique
- C) Warehouses
 - 1. Teaching Search Pattern (Detailed Search vs. Scan)
 - 2. Safety Concerns
 - 3. Video Debrief
- D) Vehicles
 - 1. Teaching Search Pattern (Detailed Search vs. Scan)
 - 2. Safety Concerns
 - 3. Video Debrief
- E) Mass Transit
 - 1. Teaching Search Pattern (Detailed Search vs. Scan)
 - 2. Safety Concerns
 - 3. Video Debrief

K9 DETECTION - WEEK 2-4

Week 2-4 (120 Hours)- Continued

F) Luggage

1. Teaching Search Pattern (Detailed Search vs. Scan)
2. Safety Concerns
3. Video Debrief

11. FINAL ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION

A) Assessment of student handling and detection training. Due to the length of course, a student dog may not be ready for certification. If imprinting and training of student dog is not complete, a GAK9 dog may be provided. Student and Students dog will be tested at the level that has been completed and written report provided on what needs to be finished.

B) Written Test

K9 TRAILING AND TRACKING

Our company founder, Jeff Schettler, literally wrote the books on modern trailing and tracking. No other trainer teaches more students globally in the art of tracking and trailing than Jeff. His books are international best sellers and have been translated in German, Russian, and Chinese.

Train the Trainer students will have the opportunity to work one on one with Jeff in most of the training applications as well as his other trainers from around the world.

For more information on **The Professional Tracker School Program**, please click [here](#).

TRACKER SCHOOL
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PRICING STRUCTURE

All of your training and lodging is on site or close by. Our living arrangements are really nice with acres of lands to run your dog on as well as all of the modern amenities of home. DIRECTV, kitchens and laundry are provided for. All lodging and utilities are included in the price or registration.

OBEDIENCE & BEHAVIOR (5 weeks) - \$17,500 with lodging

A student will learn Basic, Advanced, & Elite obedience as well as behavior modification during this course. Over the course of 4 weeks the student will study proper training techniques, canine personalities, puppy preschool, kennel management, and client relations. Student will participate in private lessons, evaluations, go-homes, and board & trains.

DETECTION (4 weeks) - \$14,000 with lodging

A student will learn how to imprint and develop a detection dog. Detection disciplines covered consist of narcotics, explosives, HRD, and cell phones. Over the course of 4 weeks the student will study how to select a detection dog, canine behavior as it relates to odor, environmental exposure for the detection dog, search patterns, developing a response.

TRAILING (4 weeks) - \$14,000 with lodging

A student will learn how to imprint and develop a trailing dog in the areas of scent specific manhunting. This course starts with the basics and will work a new handler/ trainer through the areas of rural and urban trailing/ tracking work. Training includes training manuals K9 Trailing; The Straightest Path and The Tao of Trailing. The student may use their own K9 for training or one of many in training at GAK9. The majority of training will occur in the field and be "hands on" in a wide variety of terrain, weather, and conditions. This course must be considered as strenuous. A moderate to high degree of physical fitness is desirable.

The student will be required to pass one hands on practical trailing examination; Level 1 Certification, as well as one online multiple choice and essay style trailing exam with an 80% passing rate. This exam is not open book.

PRICING STRUCTURE CONT'D

TACTICAL TRAILING (5 weeks) - \$45,000 PER 3 STUDENTS

Three student minimum required at \$600 per student, per day with lodging and meals included. The price for a single student is \$900 per day, lodging is included, but not meals. The total price for one is \$22,500.00

This is the top tier trailing/ tracking level and designed for advanced handler/ trainers interested in high risk, tactical, or combat manhunts. Completion of the Trailing Course above is necessary prior to enrolling in this program. In some cases, a handler/ trainer may take this course based on prior experience and training at the discretion of The GAK9 Training Coordinator.

This class will teach the student the proximity alert of the K9 and the proper subsequent responses of the handler and a tactical support team. The purpose of this training is to teach the student how to work as safely as possible on any high-risk track or manhunt.

This course is considered very strenuous and requires an exceptional level of physical fitness. Training will occur mostly in the field in very difficult and wet conditions.

The book: Tactical Tracker Teams is the training manual for this course and source material for a mandatory online exam for Combat/ Tactical MPC Trailing/ Tracking. This exam is not open book and requires and 80% passing rate.

SWAT or Military Support personnel may attend this course with the handler at an extra expense. The total rate is dependent on the number of personnel in training. Our training area is heavily wooded with a lot of water and swamps. It is semi tropical and similar to Southeast Asia, South America, and parts of Africa.

The temperatures in the summer can be up to 35 C and 90% humidity. The summer is good training but very hard on the handlers and dogs. Heat injuries are possible and it is important to acclimate to the area. We average about 15-25 KM a day on foot. We can easily transition to urban training without weapons if you chose to do so.

PRICING STRUCTURE CONT'D

TACTICAL TRAILING (5 weeks) - CONT'D

Training from October to the middle of April is very nice with some warm days but not so humid.

When training at our facility we have special lands set aside for combat training. We provide all of the weapons platforms in the form of AR15 and AK47 style rifles with UTM man marker less than lethal ammunition. All weapons have iron sights. If you want optics then I recommend bringing them. Though less than lethal, this ammunition can draw blood and hurts. We also provide IED and booby trap training as it relates to the tracks you run. Eye protection is required on all exercises and we recommend a full kit.

The five-week course runs concurrent with 5 days training and two days off. On the weekends we do not provide meals however, we have grocery stores and restaurants nearby. The houses have laundry facilities and kitchens. We provide the bedding and towels.

TRAILING MASTER COURSE (5 weeks) - \$18,000 with lodging

- Any additional discipline add-on is \$5,000 (Includes Trailing and Proximity Alert Trailing Courses)

AIR SCENT- \$2,500

- 1-week add-on to Trailing, Tactical Trailing, and/or Master Trailing courses

Air scent training is off lead deployment of the MPC, Multi-Purpose, K9 in open areas or yard searches for scent specific location of suspects and apprehension. It is primarily designed for patrol K9's but also has a special application for Search & Rescue. Any trailing training K9 may take this course.

PRICING STRUCTURE CONT'D

MASTER TRAINER CERTIFICATION (4 months) - \$32,000 with lodging

- Includes Trailing, Tactical Trailing, Detection, & Obedience

GAK9's Master Trainer Certification includes all of the material covered in the Obedience & Behavior, Detection, Trailing, and Tactical Trailing Courses. Gaining knowledge in several different canine disciplines helps to create a well-rounded trainer that increases your ability to problem solve. Kennel management, client relations, and business operations are also covered in this course. This course by far holds the best value for those seeking to start a career in professional dog training. (\$32,500 includes lodging)

- K9 Health & Welfare and K9 Nutrition – **INCLUDED** in the Master Trainer Program

Georgia K9 National Training Center is committed to dog's health. As a trainer, handler, or dog owner it is your responsibility to ensure that your dog is fit, safe, and maintains a healthy lifestyle throughout its whole life. In return for your dedication, care, and love, you will create a lasting bond and an immeasurable asset to your life and community. All of our students are required to pass exams on K9 Health & Welfare and K9 Nutrition no matter which course or courses that are selected above.

The trainee may elect to use a GAK9 dog for any portion of the courses listed with prior approval of the GAK9 Training Coordinator.



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EDISTO ISLAND LODGING

Lodging on site is either at our 200-year-old modernized cabin that can sleep two comfortably or our Off The Grid Prepper house that houses one or a couple. Both are decked out with everything anyone would need for a vacation stay.

Cabins include:

- Satellite TV with all the channels
- WiFi
- Kennels (provided upon request.)
- We have three other cabins off-site for larger groups.

We are the only K9 training facility that offers first class Bed & Breakfast style living quarters for not only the handler but family members as well. Furthermore, Edisto Island is a vacation paradise. We are conveniently located only five miles from Edisto Beach, 2 miles from Botany Bay, and Edisto Island offers some of the best fishing and hunting available in the US. Train hard all week and spend your weekend with your family fishing or kayaking. If you are a hunter, book a guided boar, turkey, deer hunt with one of our local outfitters. Train here with us once and you will come back again and again.

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