

K9 Ares



On July 14, 2012 I began a new journey as a K9 Handler. I traveled to Oxnard California, where I was teamed up with K9 Ares. While in the Oxnard area, K9 Ares and I spent six weeks learning how to work with each other as a team. Ares and I were guided by the expertise of Dave, Debbie and Daniel Inglis, of the Inglis Police Dog Academy.

K9 Ares and I had a couple of challenges to overcome during the first couple of days together. Ares arrived into the United States on July 13, 2012, only a couple days before the training class began, which did not give time for Ares to adjust to his new environment before the training began. Ares was also trying to learn a new name. By the third day of training he really began to start figuring out his name and we hit it off together.

K9 Ares original name is Qou-Vadis Von Lunsholz. I was informed Ares was a competition canine while he was in Germany. Ares is classified as a Shutzhund 3 competitor. Shutzhund class canines are trained in the areas of tracking, bite work and obedience, just to name a few. These types of activities are ideal for a canine to transition into law enforcement work.

K9 Ares and I received 200 hours of training during the patrol portion of the class and 80 hours of narcotic detection. During the narcotic detection training, Ares was certified as a narcotic detection canine. Ares is able to locate Methamphetamine, Ecstasy, Cocaine, Heroin and Marijuana in buildings, open areas and vehicles.

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During the patrol class, Ares and I were certified in handler protection, obedience, tracking a suspect in buildings and open areas. Ares and I graduated from the training on August 24th and we returned to Crescent City on August 25th. Ares has been deployed approximately 50 times during 2012. Ares has assisted the Del Norte County Sheriff Department and the California Highway Patrol for various narcotic detection searches, building searches and suspect tracking. Ares was deployed six times to track wanted subjects, once for an article search and multiple times during foot patrols in the business district, Jed Smith Shopping Center, Beach Front Park, Brother Jonathan Park, Del Norte High School home football games and other local area schools. Ares continues to make an impact on the community by working hard for the citizens of Crescent City.



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LIFETIME SEIZURES BY ARES:

1.50 pounds Marijuana

1 ounce Methamphetamine

