

# **Narcotic Detection Training Seminar - Dodge City Kansas**

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Narcotics Detection Training of the police Service Dog our a balance of several Training Issues. Consistency, Handling, Search Patterns, Proper Odor Responses, Proper Concealment of Aids.

Proper handling of training aids, never mix up your drugs, Keep the drugs separate, and away from each other. You should use rubber gloves or forceps to hide, or when handling your drugs.

You must be able to recognize the following. Hunt Drive, Prey Drive, Play Drive, Retrieval Drive. These Drives are very important in Narcotics Detection Training.Storage of your Training Aids.

- A. Ammo Cans that seal tight
- B. One gallon glass jars that seal
- C. You must sterilize both by using Hot Water and Soap only, let air Dry.
- D. Transportation of Aids. Never Transport in the trunk of your car for a long Time period.
- E. Buy a Large Container, That seal and locks to Transport your Training Aids
- F. Remember if your canine can smell drugs hidden in a vehicle, than he can smell them placed into your trunk without the proper container to transport them.

Training Aids.

You should have packaged different amounts of weight for training. Such as nothing below 3.5 grams, and amounts that are larger than one ounce, and below. And one ounce and larger. Very important that you're canine is exposed to different amounts and odors.

When placing drugs out for concealment, make sure that you know what drug your are hiding and the amount, this is important for training records, and do not contaminate your aids. Be Careful.

You should rotate your training aids every 6 months when possible.

How do I contaminate my training aids? It is done very easy.

Placing your aids close to another strong odor items such as food, etc.

Storing your aids in worn out containers that will not seal.

Placing your aids in a area that is already contaminated by other aids.

Handling your aids without proper hand gear such as gloves or forceps.

Re-using your narc bags that have dog slobber on them, or pvc pipe.Distracton and Proofing Items.

Dogs Odors

Human Odor

Feces

Urine

Aspirin if you use Psuedo Narcotics

Zip lock bags

Duck tape

Your Training Concepts are as follows.

Consistency in Handling

Proper leash Handling

Proper concealment of aids

Proper Odor Response

Pattern Training

Introducing New Environments

The Stamina of the search

Building Confidence in the Handler

Training Items Needed

Scratch Box, Different Sizes

Small Shovel

Old Suitcases

Pop or Milk Crates

Towels

PVC Pipe

Narc Bags

Training Environments

Use as many buildings as possible different floors slick

You want clean and contaminated houses, as well mobile, schools, Vehicles.

Vans, Semi Trucks. Luggage Parcels.

Open area such field's tall grass

Enter the residence look for:

Poisons

Pesticides

Broken Glass

Razors

Ceiling Fans

Cold Air Return Vents

Booby Traps

Plain View drugs, Locate

Animals

Items that can be Major Distractions.

Used Diapers Ect.

Is the Air Conditioner on or off, Heater on or off? Will it affect my Sniff?

Are windows open? Shut them

Food Items Lying Around.

There are many items that will affect your canine sniff, It is important that you as a handler are prepared, and your Dog is fully trained for the environments and only the odors you are going to be sniffing for.

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