



## Alaska Search & Rescue Dogs

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### ASARD Philosophy

With over 20 years of practice and experience, ASARD believes there are common training and team characteristics that make a successful mission-ready search dog team.

We strongly encourage the following for those interested in training a search dog:

You should...
Choose a motivated, driven, and trainable dog
Know your puppy's history
Start training before one year of age
Read materials on training success
Build backcountry skills
ASARD does not accept...
Dogs trained in hunting activities
Dogs trained in bite work or aggression training

Common characteristics of successful mission-ready search dogs include:

- high motivation
- strong drive
- physical and mental endurance
- easy to train



**Searching for lost and missing people is about life and death. The people we search for deserve the very best resource we can provide -- a focused and committed dog trained for the sole purpose of finding lost and missing persons.**

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### Search and Rescue Dogs

ASARD believes that the working dog breeds produce strong dogs for search. ASARD has had successful mission-ready dogs from many of the Retriever, Hound, Shepherd and Collie breeds.

A mission-ready search dog consistently and reliably communicates the location of human scent to its handler.



### Search Dog Handlers

Training a search dog is a long journey and requires patience, perseverance, and commitment.

Handler must be competent in:
Map & compass, GPS, navigation skills
Wilderness first aid, dog first aid
Survival training
Aircraft and boating safety operations
Incident Command System training

A handler must be in good health, be physically fit and possess the proper equipment for searching.

Handlers spend hundreds of hours training their dogs and becoming proficient in a variety of search and rescue skills. ASARD provides organizational structures for handlers and their dogs to pursue search and rescue. Teams must be motivated and dedicated to ensure their own success.

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