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Top Tier K9 is the sole producer and owner of the registered trademark of Foundation Dog®. The Foundation Dog® is trained on 50 elements that are rolled into four specific functions; tracking, scent detection, protection and advanced obedience. The process to train a Foundation Dog® is taught at Top Tier K9 Academy for Dog Trainers, which has been rated as one of the top dog trainer schools in the world.

Top Tier K9 Foundation Dog®(s) are ready to be finished as Police dogs, Military Working Dogs, Service dogs for people with disabilities, Special security dogs, Scent detection dogs, and Executive/Family protection dogs.

The process to train a Foundation Dog® brings out the absolute best in the canines ability and desire to hunt, protect, track, and work to please its owner/handler through advanced obedience. The canines selected for this program have the right level of drive, control and training to find something as small as a virus, and then inform its owner/handler that it found the desired odor through responses.

Top Tier K9 always has Foundation Dogs® that are being finished as special security dogs, while also being trained to find the COVID-19 virus. These finished dogs are being deployed to airports, hotels, restaurants, government buildings,

and in many other facilities. Their main purpose is to find the presence of COVID-19 and alert the handler to the location of the virus so the threat can be addressed.

A certified Foundation Dog® can have a new odor (i.e. a new or mutated viruses, explosives, narcotics, low blood sugar etc.) added to its scent portfolio in a very short period of time. It typically takes only two (2) to four (4) weeks due to the training and conditioning accomplished during the Foundation Dog® Program. This allows the investment in a Foundation Dog® to be leveraged over time, while allowing the dog to be modified for other uses.

Top Tier K9: The most balanced and complete dog training program in the world

A certified Foundation Dog® is also a remote controlled delivery vehicle. While using advanced obedience and conditioning the canine can be controlled by smart phone technologies, and able to deliver PPE in a human virus emergency, carry and control AI applications, and even less than lethal control mechanisms (drone acquisition systems for instance).

Top Tier K9 is a scalable business concern due to its replicable processes, and the ability to train and certify additional Foundation Dog® trainers/handlers through its Academy for Dog Trainers.

★ OBEDIENCE ★

PHASE 1

[6-9 Weeks Old]

- No Correction Manners
- Charge the Marker
- Luring
- Molding/Statics
- Sit Front
- Object Hold
- Finger Point
- Loose Leash
- Walking Leash Dragging
- Hand Kiss

PHASE 2

[10-12 Weeks Old]

- Statics/Correction
- Shaping/Free
- Article Indication
- Finger Point
- Backward Heeling
- Jump Chute
- Retrieve
- Out/Leave It
- Socialization

PHASE 3

[13-16 Weeks Old]

- Recall
- In motion Commands
- Finishes
- Attention Heeling
- Forced Retrieve
- Send Out
- Statics with Distractions

PHASE 4

[17+ Weeks Old]

- Advanced Obedience
- Heavy Distractions
- Off Leash

★ NOSEWORK ★

PHASE 1

[6-9 Weeks Old]

- Scented Toy
- Hunt Drive Building

PHASE 2

[10-12 Weeks Old]

- Field Searches
- Hunt Drive Building

PHASE 3

[13-16 Weeks Old]

- Field Searches
- Separate Odor/Blocks
- Add Second Odor

PHASE 4

[17+ Weeks Old]

- Building Searches
- Proof Off Masking Odors
- Add Additional Odors

★ TRACKING ★

PHASE 1

[6-9 Weeks Old]

- Scented Toy
- Hunt Drive Building

PHASE 2

[10-12 Weeks Old]

- Field Searches
- Hunt Drive Building

PHASE 3

[13-16 Weeks Old]

- Field Searches
- Separate Odor/Blocks
- Add Second Odor

PHASE 4

[17+ Weeks Old]

- Building Searches
- Proof Off Masking Odors
- Add Additional Odors

★ PROTECTION ★

PHASE 1

[6-9 Weeks Old]

- Bite Development
- Prey Drive Building

PHASE 2

[10-12 Weeks Old]

- Prey Drive Building
- Bite Development
- Add Pressure

PHASE 3

[13-16 Weeks Old]

- Line Bites
- Targeting
- Increase Distractions and Pressure

PHASE 4

[17+ Weeks Old]

- Off Leash
- Obedience for Bites
- Increase Pressure
- Increase Distractions



FOUNDATION DOG®



CORONAVIRUS

COVID-19 **DETECTION DOGS**
by Lt Col Bombard



Written by Lt Col Bombard

“Every great story starts with three important elements: The Ordinary World, a Question and always an answer, this answer would be [YES].”

Well in the ordinary world, present day being 2020, we have found ourselves faced with a Pandemic which has affected everyone, and by that, I mean the world! Our world has faced a number of challenges over the centuries from; plagues, pandemics, and illnesses that still have no cure (like cancer) but, there have been a number of great characters (heroes) in our history who have stepped up and attempted, and in some cases succeeded in assisting with the severity of these problems on mankind from being much more deadly. Two such people are Duane Pickel and Jeff Minder who both reside in Tallahassee, Florida.

Duane Pickel a retired USAF SAR specialist has been a professional K9 trainer/handler since the Vietnam War, but, in 1994 he began to train his Schnauzer named George to hunt for cancer; melanoma to be exact. George was a part of an experiment to seek out human cancer cells in or on a human, as the experiment went on, George and his trainer would be successfully detecting the cells which were housed in a plastic tube at an astounding 99% success rate. When the time finally came for George to put his skill to the test, the trainer Duane Pickel said, “Show me”, George lifted his paw and gently touched the

spot on the patient. A lab would run a test and would confirm it was cancer. Pickel said, “In more than 40 trials over more than a year my dog, George had finally reached 100% accuracy.” Duane told me “dogs are trained to hunt drugs, bombs, corpse, even missing humans, so if the item the dog is needed to find has a scent, the dog can be trained to find it.”

Duane Pickel who still loves to work with K9s, joined Top Tier K9, which has three locations; Madison, FL., Tallahassee, FL., and Valdosta, GA and is owned and operated by CEO/Founder Jeff Minder, who retired from the USAF as a SERE instructor and served in Iraq. Minder has built a dream team of professional people to help reach his goals at Top Tier K9. Minder offers a training school to teach K9s and humans to get along and work together

Top Tier K9: The first in the world to introduce a canine to the detection of the COVID-19 virus successfully.

as a team using a system known as the Bloom's Cognitive Taxonomy, a process that takes a person step by step from knowledge, comprehension, application and analysis levels of learning helping the future trainer to advance as far they desire to advance, while maximizing the potential and minimizing the investment in time, energy and cost. Jeff is no stranger to hard work, having been a project manager, he uses the tools and knowledge he has to advance Top Tier K9 into a new future of Canine training.



Minder seeing a need to perfect the dog training world, applied for a trade mark making his brand of professional trained K9s unique, hence the name, "Foundation Dog", Minder says "these dogs are taught in three phases, for 12 weeks the art and science of "obedience, tracking, nose work (scent detection) and protection (bite work)". Minder also added, "once the phase three training is completed, the dog can move on to phase four which is finishing, teaching the dog what the handler needs the dog to do."

As I began this story, I told you there would be three elements that would make this a GREAT story, well you have met the first element of the story, The Ordinary World, dog training at its best, now for the question. The world has changed basically over night with the COVID-19 threat, and the issues we have been facing with the need of PPE, testing and vaccine. What if as in Duane Pickels contribution to science I told you

that Jeff Minder has also through pure determination and using his ability to tackle this issue like a project manager would, was able to get a dog to identify the protein spike within the virus, detect it, alert to it and show his handler where the threat was through science? Minder says he has a tube of distilled water which contains COVID-19 virus and has been using it to train his beloved working dog "Uzi" a Belgian Malinois to detect the virus at a 95% success rate. Minder says, "the origins of the virus is classified at the moment, but, I have it and we are using it to train the

Worlds First COVID-19 Scent Detection Dog." Minder also goes on to tell me, "we have Hospitals, Airports, Churches and some business contacting us, needing our services to sweep their locations to make sure it is safe for patrons and workers." Minder also said, "We are currently training three other Foundation Dogs* as we speak, and another 20 dogs to follow, quickly". Minder claims, "it is my hope that my dogs and school will be able to assist in the defeating of this virus to make it safe for life to return to some form of normal."

So there you have it, the three elements have been meet as



Jeff Minder and his Belgian Malinois, Uzi perform hunt exercises for spectators in the parking lot of the VFW - Tallahassee, Florida where him and Pickel first meet



Duane Pickel and his canine George the amazing cancer sniffing Schnauzer

to assist in defeating this invisible enemy.

Top Tier K9 Virus Detection Dogs are ready to help you mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as whatever the next pandemic might bring. These dogs are better than any other testing system and results are in near real-time.

Top Tier K9 Virus detection Dogs are ready to deploy in your organization, to find COVID-19 on surfaces or in common areas as well as test individuals for the existence of the COVID-19 virus within their bodies.

Top Tier K9 Foundation Dogs* created a platform for future enhancements, the dogs are finished as Police K9s, Military Working Dogs, Service Dogs, Protection Dogs and even Special Security Dogs that are capable of hunting for and indicating on odors as small as a virus.

Make the most of your K9 investments through the acquisition of a versatile, scalable, Top Tier K9 Foundation Dog*.

We train the dogs and we train the handlers to manage the dogs. Contact us today and help eliminate the threat of

promised, in my opinion as a trained and educated member of the USAF, I believe [YES], a canine has the ability to fulfill the claims that Minder and Pickle have made in this story, and that following the science as we understand it, a canine can, has and will be able

COVID-19 in your organization.





PET TRAINING

**Madison, FL
Tallahassee, FL
Valdosta, GA**

Pet Training Program

We train pets in our local area which includes the Florida cities of Madison, Tallahassee, Perry, Gainesville, Ocala, The Villages, Lake City and Jacksonville Florida as well as surrounding areas. And, our New location in Valdosta, Georgia and any areas where owners are willing to travel to our location. We have certified graduates of our Dog Training Academy all over the country.

Look for Top Tier K9 Certified Pet and Working Dog Trainers in your area. The techniques we use in our facilities are the same techniques we teach in our Academy for Dog Trainers.

We evaluate you and your pet for train-ability while determining the best approach based on you and your dogs needs and abilities. We discuss your specific needs and any behavioral issues the dog may have. We also evaluate you, the owner. We have found that our efforts need to be divided between the pet and the owner relative to training is a 40/60 mixture.

There are many misconceptions about training dogs. Our job is to ensure you effectively define your needs and compre-

hend what it is we will be doing with you and your dog so that proper expectations are set. This makes for a winning approach for you and your dog. Our systems are developed using world class project management skills. We have certified project managers on staff, certified dog trainers, and certified teachers. No other dog training program offers this level of quality assurance and experience.

We use a balanced approach to dog training that combines classical and elements of operant conditioning with timing, motivation, and consistency as our training principles. We train people how to train dogs and we train dogs using these same principles.

If there was a better approach to training a dog, Top Tier K9 would teach it

We teach your dog to respond to voice commands, not react to your body language and once the dog is directional with those commands (meaning he comprehends the commands) we can then train your dog for off leash obedience. Commands like: Sit, Down, Climb, Heel, Come when called (recall), are all available in our program. We provide "boarding and training" services that are based on weekly training and evaluation of you and your pet to ensure your needs are being met. We handle all pets with all behavior problems.

Our Pets Plus Program offers protection, tracking, scent detection, search and rescue as well as advanced obedience pro-

grams for the graduates of our basic course.

We train you while we are training your dog. Each week of training you come to our location and practice with your dog. You get to see the great progress, and we get to evaluate your newly obtained dog handling skills you learn through our video based Customer Training Program.

We offer the most complete DVD library for dog training available anywhere. Our programs are designed by certified instructors and course developers; training the owner is a requirement. Our trainers are certified dog trainers and certified people trainers.

Only Top Tier K9 offers this complete program; your dog deserves the best and Top Tier K9 delivers the best in the industry.

Why you should use Top Tier K9 to train you and your Pet(s). According to the 2015-2016 APPA National Pet Owners Survey, you will spend \$1,641 annually on your pet for things like routine vet visits, food, and monthly preventatives for heart worm, flea and tick. That is an annual total of \$1,641. The average pet lives 12 years equaling an investment of \$19,692. Why spend that much money on a dog that is not trained?

For just a little more money you have a dog that obeys you and adds value to your family while also improving their life.





It all starts with obedience, the dog displaying consistent body language and understanding commands.



PETS PLUS TRAINING

Obedience training is one of the greatest gifts you can give your K9 companion and will improve the bond and relationship between you and your dog in a way that will change your life as well as their life.

This is where the dog learns the [language of learning] and displays to you a consistent body language that allows you to understand exactly what your dog is learning and comprehending through your communication and training activities.

Advanced obedience includes constant improvement in your dogs ability to manage his own [load] created by conflict and pressure by his surroundings. He will obey the commands you give him regardless of the surroundings...such as fire and smoke, other dogs, people, loud noises and storms, even direct confrontation with a bad guy. It all starts with advanced obedience and all other Pets Plus functions are based on constant improvement in your dogs obedience.

Once your pet has completed our Pet Training Program they are eligible for our Pets Plus Program where they learn any or all of the following functions: Protection, Scent detection, Tracking, Search and Rescue, Advanced Obedience...and much more.

If you and your dog have completed our basic training program you can enter them in any function of our Pets Plus Program.



We also have dogs trained in all the following functions that can be purchased. These are our Top Tier K9 [Foundation Dog®]. Our Pet Plus activities include: putting your dog through our Pet Plus Program, buying our educational DVDs, or enrolling in our Top Tier K9 Academy for Dog Trainers. All of these options re available to you and your pet.

As you continue to look through our brochure you will see we offer much more if you desire advanced learning, training and teaching to advance in this exciting and rewarding field.



SERVICE  **ICE**
DOG



TTK9 provides finished service dogs to people with disabilities. We can also add special duties to our Service Dogs such as Protection, Sport hunting, plus other activities for an owner and his dog to enjoy and utilize.

No other business offers service dogs that also protect their owners and their property to the level of quality offered by Top Tier K9.

Protection cannot be the “qualifying” reason for a service dog, but, it can be an “additional duty” of the dog, provided the training is done properly. Training your own service dog as a protection dog is something we do not recommend.

Protection Dogs must be professionally trained, they never show aggression, bark at people, or snap at anyone unprovoked. They properly respond to commands, are stable, and protect their owner from real threats or hidden danger.

We’ll select your Service dogs from our inventory of Foundation Dog®. Ready to track, find specif-

ic odor(s), perform off leash obedience and of-course...protect you and your family from all types of threats.

An untrained service dog, one that has not been exposed to professional protection training, is far more apt to react in an improper manner to pressure, stress, surprise and may actually bite it’s owner in the event of a real threat coming at the owner.

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The best use of service dogs that also protect are for owners who have a qualifying disability that meets the current requirements established by the

ADA in their definitions of service dogs that is not an absolute life threatening disability.

That being said, 99% of most people’s time is home with their service dog and having a service dog that also protects you, your home and your family is a great use of a service dog and allows many returning disabled veterans to sleep at night knowing the dog has their back.

Keep that in mind when you are making your decisions, the ADA only applies to forcing business-

es to allow you inside their location(s) with your service dog. It has nothing at all to do with you, your home, your car etc...

We begin training our Foundation Dogs® from 6 weeks old to be amazing service animals. Dogs that make it into phase 4 of our Foundation Dog® training program, are ready to be finished for specific needs of people with disabilities who will benefit from a service dog. Some of the basic functions all of our Foundation Dogs perform include:

- Protection/Security
- Specific Odor Detection
- Tracking
- Search and Rescue
- Item Retrieval
- Off leash obedience

Each Foundation Dog® is specifically trained in (50) fifty elements that lead up to (4) four or more functions related to service such as:

- Opening/closing a door
- Alerting to a specific sound, or change in environment
- Waking someone from a bad dream
- Pulling the owner out of a stress event
- Turning on/off a light

- Identifying and indicating on any odor including high and low blood sugar levels

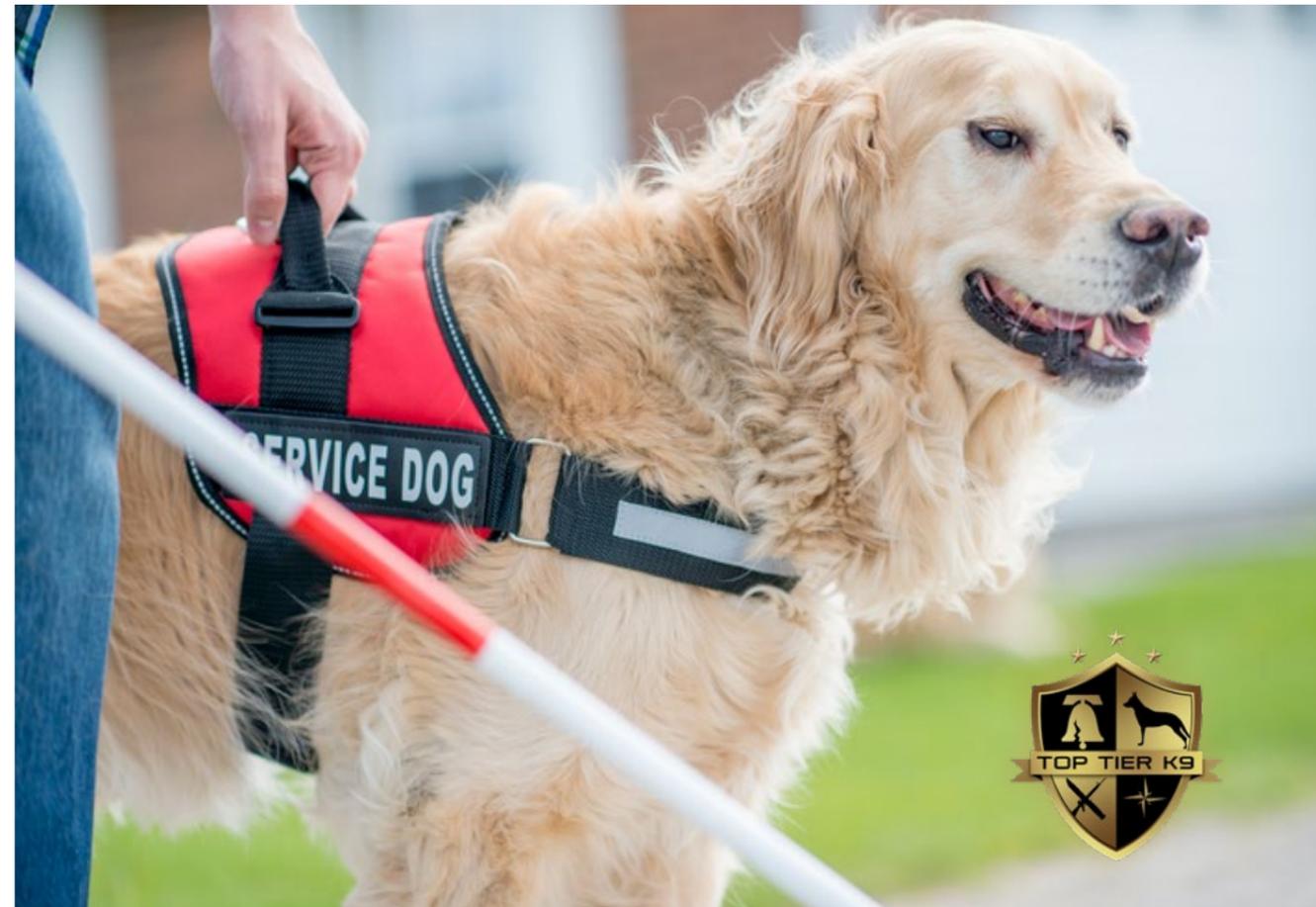
Foundation Dogs are placed based on specific needs and abilities of the owners. When the right temperaments and dispositions are matched between human and dog, new training is added to our dogs based on the owners specific needs (finish work) while at the same time the owner is being trained on how to handle and manage the unique dog.

A Top Tier K9 Service Dog can do many things to help a disabled person, however, there is a lot of misinformation on the Internet about what they can and cannot be specifically trained to do. At Top Tier K9, we encourage you to do research about this subject following the links below and contact us for further inquires or question you may have.

ADA REQUIREMENTS
[HTTPS://WWW.ADA.GOV/SERVICE_ANIMALS_2010.HTM](https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm)

FAQ
[HTTPS://WWW.ADA.GOV/REGS2010/SERVICE_ANIMAL_QA.HTML](https://www.ada.gov/reg2010/service_animal_qa.html)

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS
[HTTPS://WWW.GOVINFO.GOV/CONTENT/PKG/CFR-2012-TITLE28-VOL1/XML/CFR-2012-TITLE28-VOL1-SEC36-302.XML](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2012-TITLE28-VOL1/XML/CFR-2012-TITLE28-VOL1-SEC36-302.XML)





A real Foundation® Dog that you can build on as your needs change and as the world changes.



PROTECTION DOG

- ✧ Early Detection
- ✧ Family Friendly
- ✧ Unparalleled Foundation® Dog Training
 - ✧ Interior Defense
 - ✧ Perimeter Detection
 - ✧ Personal Protection
 - Celebrities & Royalty
 - Business Executives
 - Professional Athletes
 - Families & Individuals
 - ✧ Highly selective process for choosing Service Dogs
 - ✧ Private & Discrete
 - ✧ World Renowned Trainers:
 - Jeff Minder - Ret. USAF
 - Dwayne Pickle - Ret. USAF

It's true that some dogs have a natural instinct to protect their home and family, and they make excellent Guard Dogs. Guardian breeds like the Belgian Malinois, German Shepherd, Akita, Anatolian Shepherd, Australian Shepherd and Belgian Laekenois just to name a few, tend to be loyal, fearless, strong and watchful.

If you want a breed that will not only alert you when a visitor arrives, but will also intuitively know when to protect you from a dangerous situation than our Top Tier K9, (Foundation Dog®) breeds are for you. Top Tier K9 specializes in training Belgian Malinois and German Shepherds for this purpose.

Statistics show that:

- Each day 2,000+ children are reported missing.
- 20% are taken in their own home or yard.
- 85% of assaults occur in the victim's own home or outside the home.
- In 2020, U.S. households experienced over 10,000,000 burglaries.



With the ever changing Cultural and social norms encourage violence, it is more important than ever for an individual to consider all options for self awareness and protection from the unknown threats that may come to their own neighborhood or residence. The Rules or expectations of behavior – norms – within a cultural or social group can encourage violence.

With interventions that challenge cultural and social norms supportive of violence can prevent acts of violence and have been widely used. In your case as a private citizen, owning a gun, hiring security staff, or installing security systems are options for some of the population as it is for the rich, a dignitary, celebrity, or government official. But, for the common citizen, these and many other options are just out of reach because of budget or laws.

There is an option; Top Tier K9 is training and has placed large numbers of Protection Dogs (Foundation Dogs®) in the hands of many Americans just like you, and the good news is, it's affordable and will come with the training and understand you will

need to be able to handle and manage this security tool as the K9 becomes beloved family member.

Foundation Dogs® are ready for exposure to your existing scenarios that involve tracking, scent detection, protection/apprehension and advanced obedience. It takes only a few weeks to turn a Top Tier K9 Foundation Dog® into your LE K9, Personal Protection dog, MWD, Security Services K9, Sports dog, Emotional Support dog (ESD), Therapy dog, or Service dog for people with disabilities.

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Top Tier K9 provides (3) three phases of training over 12 weeks

followed by finishing work provided for you or with you depending on your need or use of the dog.

These are professionally bred and trained working dogs which will require you to complete our handler/trainer training programs to fully comprehend how to manage these best of breed working dogs.

For more information you are encouraged to visit our website: www.toptierk9.com.



Dog Trainer School

The Top Tier K9s, Dog Trainer School is designed using Bloom's Cognitive Taxonomy, advanced Internet technologies, and an industry first affiliate model, to take you step by step from knowledge, comprehension, application, and analysis levels of learning allowing the future dog trainer to go as far as they desire with the ability to "jump off" at strategic points to maximize potential and minimize investment in time, energy and money.

We have the only program that provides our students with business, project management, sales and

marketing support to help them start and manage their own dog training businesses. Our affiliate model puts our students on the map and our Dog Trainer Program includes actual project management and business training as part of the curriculum.

Our Internet based programs are "Live On-Line" and our campus programs are "Live On-Campus". We don't send you to video libraries and expect you to figure out the right way to learn. We meet you in our classrooms and we teach you, the old fashioned way through verified and validated levels of learning.

All of our programs have our instructors face to face with our students in every learning platform, live on-line and live on-campus.

You do not have to certify with Top Tier K9 to enjoy the value of our classes. Many of our students are seeking professional development or simply taking our classes to enjoy learning how to train their own dogs for service, sport, or simply as obedient family pets.

It starts with the Pet Trainer program where you learn to train pets for other people. Pet trainer techniques must be transferable to the owner and the pet is not trained until the owners are trained as well. We teach you to do this successfully using our proven techniques and methods of dog and human training.

You can then move into the Foundation Dog® trainer program. This is a program where you learn to take a working line puppy and train it in tracking, scent detection, protection/apprehension, and off leash/advanced obedience. Once certified as a Foundation Dog® trainer you will have one of the best demonstration dogs anywhere to use to promote your skills and your dog training business. At this time you have the option to enter any or all of our masters programs to learn how to finish a Foundation Dog® as a Law Enforcement K9, Military K9, Service Dog for people

with disabilities, executive/family protection dog, or a sports dog.

Dog Trainer School

The Gold Standard for Dog Trainers

- Pet Trainer Program: Live On-line
- Pet Trainer Certification with Business Development: Live On-Campus
- Foundation Dog Trainer Program: Live On-line
- Foundation Dog Trainer Certification: Live On-Campus
- Safe Catch Decoy Training Program On-line or On-Campus
- Safe Catch Decoy Certification Live On-Campus

Internships

Certified Foundation Dog trainers are eligible for on-campus internships. This is a competitive opportunity.

Masters Programs

- Service Dog Trainer Program On-line or On-Campus
- Service Dog Trainer Certification Live On-Campus
- Law Enforcement/Military K9 Trainer Program
- Law Enforcement/Military K9 Trainer Program: Live On-line
- Law Enforcement K9/Military Trainer Certification: Live On-Campus
- Business Development Workshop: Live On-Campus
- Project Management Workshop: Live On-Campus

Pet Trainer Program:

8 Weeks Live On-Line

This is the entry level course for all of Top Tier K9s Dog Trainer Programs. All attendees must complete this training and pass the tests associated with this training to move to the next level of training.

All about dogs and the dog training industry. How to read dogs and communicate with them, new techniques and offerings in the world of the dog training business: Live On-line. Face to face with our instructors right through your computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone.

- How Dogs Communicate
- Marking and Luring
- Classical and Operant conditioning
- Training equipment
- The basics of Pet Training
- Health and Nutrition

You will need access to a dog(s) for this training beginning week 4 (any untrained pet will do) so that you can practice and show your work for instructor review and evaluations. This is hands on training, live or on-line. Face to face right through your computer, laptop or tablet. We demonstrate to you and you show us you can apply the training techniques to a pet.

- Advanced Training Equipment
- Markers, Rewards and Corrections
- Climb Command
- Sit Command
- Down Command
- Recall
- Loose Leash Walking

At the end of this class you will be tested and evaluated on your skills as a pet trainer. If you are successful in that testing and evaluation process, you will go to Top Tier K9 Madison Fl., location for up to 2 weeks where you will participate in the Business Bootcamp and train pets under the watchful eye of a certified Top Tier K9 Instructor.

Level 3 - Pet Trainer Certification

Students travel to Top Tier K9's main campus in Madison Fl., to demonstrate their new skills.

The student has up to 2 weeks to certify as a Pet trainer. Requirements are to demonstrate proficiency with the skills learned during the hands on training accomplished in the Pet training program under the watchful eye and mentoring of some of the industries top dog trainers and entrepreneurs. This 2 weeks is the test for certification, you must be prepared to pass the certification before you go to Top Tier K9.

During the 2 weeks you will attend our Business Development Bootcamp where you will learn to manage your own business and develop your business plan.

Foundation Dog Trainer:

14 Weeks Live On-line

Top Tier K9 has developed a one of a kind puppy imprinting and forecasting system that we teach to our students. It incorporates effective project management processes and advanced working dog training techniques to teach students how to plan for and predict their training programs based on the desired use of their dogs with the health and welfare of the dogs as the top priority.

If the scope of the training is to produce a bomb detection dog, a narcotics dog, a search and rescue dog, a protection dog, a service dog for people with disabilities or a fully polished demo dog the Top Tier K9 system helps our students achieve that goal through a replicable plan and process that they take with them into their own businesses.

Plan your work and work your plan. This requires our students to comprehend working dog training and project management processes before they select their candidate puppy for use in the program.

Something no other training program even tries to accomplish. Once our students comprehend the working dog program and processes, they then select their candidate puppy from a Top Tier K9 affiliate breeder or a quality breeder of their choice to begin the training.

After creating their training plan our students select their candidate puppy based on selection criteria learned from the previous classes and begin the formal processes of training their working line puppies based on the Top Tier K9 Imprinting and Forecasting plan developed in the previous class.

We assist our students every step of the way using proven learning and teaching techniques that ensure our students comprehend the material before they apply the training to their new puppies. Our expert staff will analyze and evaluate each students performance and provide any needed adjustments to help our students become certified Top Tier K9 Working Dog Trainers.

Once the trainer and his/her puppy are ready to be evaluated for final approval, they go to our Madison Florida location for additional hands on training, mentoring, and Certification. Live On-Line with our certified and professional staff.

Level 6 - Foundation Dog® Certification

Students who pass all requirements to get to this level of training have proven themselves to be strong prospects for adding working dog offerings to their pet training businesses.

We actively recruit the best in the business in protection, detection, search and rescue, pet trainers, working dog trainers, veterinarian and kennel owners/managers. Men and women who have proven themselves as great managers, trainers, and business people.

Students take their freshly trained puppies (now working dogs) to our main campus in Madison Florida to show off their skills for evaluation on techniques, quality performance, and capabilities as working dog trainers for mentoring and additional hands on work in their discipline(s) of choice. Students also create their business and marketing plans at the end of this portion of the training.

Service Dog Trainer Certification

Top Tier K9 Certified Working Dog Trainers are eligible to become a Certified Service Dog Trainer.

We also offer a stand alone Service Dog Trainer Certification that prepares graduates to intake a foundation dog and finish that dog for a person with disabilities.

Our students learn how to select a foundation dog for use in the service dog industry, how to analyze the future owner of a service dog, effectively match that service dog to the owner, and then finish that dog for use as a service dog. Training also includes:

- Training a foundation dog to become a service dog
- Teaching people with disabilities how to manage their service dogs
- Proofing foundation dogs into the service dog arena
- Common needs of the service dog industry
- Health and nutrition of a service dog

On-going support for service dogs and their owners...and so much more

Classes are Live On-Line for 10 weeks with a Live On-Site certification for 8 weeks (stand alone) and 2 weeks (Certified Working Dog Trainers). The process takes the trainer into the Synthesis level of learning relying on the levels of learning achieved within the Pet and Working Dog Certification Programs.

Certified Safe Catch Decoy/Helper

Our students learn to create protection dogs at all levels of a dogs life-cycle and development opportunities. Becoming a Certified Safe Catch Decoy/Helper ensures that our graduates can effectively manage the on-going support necessary to ensure a protection dog continues to grow and improve. Training includes:

- Teaching people how to manage their protection dogs
- Proofing working dogs into the protection dog arena
- Common needs of the protection and sports dog industry
- Health and nutrition of a protection dog
- On-going support in protection dog legal requirements
- Personal injuries common in the Decoy/Helper arena and how to avoid them...and so much more

Classes are Live On-Line for 10 weeks with a Live On-Site certification for 2 weeks. The process takes the trainer into the Synthesis level of learning relying on the levels of learning achieved within the Pet and Working Dog Certification Programs.

Business Development and Project Management Training

Jeff Minder, founder and CEO of Top Tier K9 is an award winning instructor, teacher and entrepreneur. Jeff

has created a one of a kind project management process used to forecast, imprint and train pets and working dogs.

This process is proven and replicable allowing students to effectively train all types of dogs and take the plan and processes into their communities and use as a foundation for their own dog training businesses.

Jeff has been recognized as one of the top entrepreneurs in N. America and he shares his ideas and processes used to start and manage successful businesses through the entire dog training program. His business analysis and project management courses have been taught at several US colleges and universities as well as at Lockheed Martin, Motorola, Crowley Maritime Services.

Business Development Workshop - Live On-Site - Professional development. This 1 week immersion program teaches students the basics of business development regardless of the technical offering of the entrepreneur.

This is a stand alone program that is not specific to the dog training industry, but, can be used by students as the platform to launch any business the student wants to be involved in. During immersion training, this class is specifically designed for the student planning to launch their own dog training business.



Class	Venue	Weeks	Hrs/Wk
Pet Trainer Program	Live On-Line	8	3
Pet Trainer Certification	Live On-Site	<2	30
Foundation Dog® Trainer Program	Live On-Line	14	2
Foundation Dog® Trainer Certification	Live On-Site	<2	30
Business Development Workshop	Live On Site	1	35
Service Dog Trainer	Live On-Line	10	2
Service Dog Trainer Certification	Live On-Site	<2	30
Safe Catch Decoy	Live On-Site	1	30
Special Security Dog Trainer	Live On-Line	10	2
Special Security Dog Trainer Certification	Live On-Campus	2	30
Executive/Family Protection training	Live On-Line	10	2
Protection Dog Certification	Live On-Campus	2	30



Prices are subject to change without notice. Each class is paid for separately, allowing students to gain knowledge and select the next level of training only after they pass the previous level. This allows students to determine if they have what it takes to be a successful dog trainer BEFORE committing to thousands of dollars of training. Only TTK9 offers this form of certification path.

Additional costs are associated with expenses for travel and living expenses at Top Tier K9's Madison Florida Campus for Pet, Working Dog, Service Dog and Decoy/Helper Trainer Certifications. The Pet Training Program requires pets to practice with during the class under the eye of TTK9 certified Instructors via your computer or tablet webcam. Working Dog Trainer Program requires an investment in one working dog puppy and the care and feeding of that puppy; this puppy can continue to be used in the service dog and decoy/helper programs.

There are no refunds. You pay for each class as you determine you are ready for it. Once the class is completed, provided you pass the class, you will be invited to attend the next phase of training. There is no guarantee that you will certify. If you are not motivated, if you do not dedicate the time and effort to accomplish the requirements, you should not sign up for this program. Not everyone is capable of becoming a Top Tier K9 certified dog trainer and to maintain your certification requires dedication to honesty, integrity and ethics. Those who prove they are not honest, lack integrity, or intentionally violate business ethics will have their certifications revoked, with no refund of any kind.

Student housing is available on the Madison Florida Campus. Most rooms are \$50 a night and includes access to: kitchen, bathroom with shower, laundry room and parking and are located approximately 100 yards from the training facilities allowing you to live and work on the campus.

Top Tier K9 provides it's standards, encased in our certification programs, to an industry without standards or requirements for certifications. Through this application we train students to become dog trainers and business professionals specifically for their own reward and satisfaction. We are not a state controlled college or university, they don't teach people how to start their own businesses nor do they teach them how to train dogs...we do both. We are not preparing our students for employment, we are teaching them how to start and manage their own dog training businesses for their own satisfaction and reward.

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