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Professional Summary

I am a certified canine trainer and handler with 20 years experience training and handling dogs. I began my professional career at Applejack International in 1992, attaining over 1500 hours of study in canine training and kennel management. In 1993, I then went on to open my business, All-Phase K9, where I operate my own obedience program and train dogs for the public. Through this, I have handled and trained at least 5,000 dogs for various purposes including basic pet obedience, AKC competition obedience, scent detection, Personal Protection, and Schutzhund competition. In my own time, I train my personal search and rescue, protection, and human remains detection dogs.

Accreditation

- ☑ Certified K9 Handler through the National Incident Management System (NIMS) created by FEMA and the US Department of Homeland Security since 2009
- ☑ Member of Blue and Gray Search Dogs since 2005
- ☑ Certified Field Team Member with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management since 2007
- ☑ Member of Schutzhund USA since 1997
- ☑ Former member of Deutscher Verband Der Gebrauchshund Sport Vereine

Experience and Achievements

- ☑ American Kennel Club:
 - ~ Trained, titled, and competed with dogs in local and regional AKC events
 - ~ Earned the following titles:
 - 15 Canine Good Citizen titles
 - 7 Companion Dog titles
 - 1 Companion Dog Excellent title
 - ~ Several dogs and handlers from All-Phase K9 Obedience program went on to show in AKC obedience events
- ☑ Schutzhund:
 - ~ Trained, titled, and competed with dogs in local and regional Schutzhund events
 - ~ Received the following titles:

- 8 dogs to Begleithund (BH)
- 2 dogs to SchH I
- 2 dogs to SchH II
- 1 dog to SchH III
- ~ Several dogs and handlers from All-Phase K9 Obedience program went on to compete in Schutzhund events

📁 Search and Rescue:

- ~ Certified 2 air scent search dogs through Blue and Gray Search Dogs and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management:
 - Uzi (Chesapeake Bay Retriever): Certified on 6/1/2009
 - Baby (German Shepherd Dog): Certified on 6/23/2010
- ~ Currently classified as a First Responder
 - Current on First Aid and CPR
 - Current on new land navigation methods and training
- ~ Three separate successful finds:
 - Found a missing teenager in Bedford County in March 2010 with Uzi
 - Found the improvised habitat of a missing man lost in the National Forest in Scott County with Baby
 - Found a missing man in Rockingham County in December 2011 with Uzi

📁 Human Remains Detection (HRD):

- ~ Studied and used Randy Hare's Box Method for foundation work on several HRD dogs
- ~ Certified personal Belgian Malinois for Human Remains Detection
- ~ Currently has a second Belgian Malinois in training for HRD

📁 Bed Bug Detection:

- ~ Approached in July 2010 by K9 Scentral to begin a Canine Bed Bug Detection Program
- ~ Observed the Bed Bug Detection program at Ironheart and FSI
- ~ Established own training program for bed bug detection dogs and finished two groups of 6 dogs
- ~ Currently training and selling Bed Bug Detection dogs on an individual basis

Additional Work

📁 Breeding Programs:

- ~ Bred, trained, and showed Rottweilers in conformation for 10 years
- ~ Bred and trained Bouvier des Flandres for Personal Protection and Schutzhund
- ~ Bred and trained German Shepherd Dogs for Schutzhund, Personal Protection, and scent detection

📁 Community Outreach:

- ~ Worked with Shenandoah Academy's Education for Employment
- ~ Trained "Sandy" for Thomas Harrison Middle School's production of *Annie*
- ~ Involved in dog care education for young children at many local day care facilities and elementary schools

☑ Trained dogs and had a dog appear on Animal Planet's *Dogs101*

☑ Personal Protection Dogs:

- ~ Has trained and sold several Personal Protection Dogs
- ~ Organizing a program designed to provide Personal Protection Dogs to abused and battered women

Continuing Education

☑ Regularly working with local obedience, Schutzhund, and search and rescue dog trainers. Has also attended an HRD seminar at Western Carolina State University and achieved 24.5 contact hours through this seminar. Also attended an anthropology seminar with Dr. Boyd.