

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB DETECTION DOG TASK FORCE INITIATIVES

- ◆ The task force provides assistance to breeders and puppy raisers in an effort to increase the supply of explosive detection dogs.
- ◆ Our efforts are aimed at the training and raising of these puppies and dogs.
- ◆ We focus on a wide range of activities that includes awareness of obstacles, exploring multiple solutions, educating key stake holders, and fostering collaboration for continuous improvement.

Other areas of focus are:

Public Policy that champions legislative reform that incentivizes domestic breeders to produce dogs for detection work and advocates for improved government transparency about sources, training and standards for detection dogs.

The AKC US Detection Dog Conference which is an annual conference that brings together stakeholders and educates breeders and trainers about our need for these highly trained dogs.

The AKC Patriotic Puppy Program that creates an opportunity for breeders to work with experts and learn how to raise good candidates for advanced detection training.

Breeder Outreach and Education provides interaction between the task force, clubs and breeders to provide educational experiences to assist breeders in raising their puppy candidates.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

ATTEND THE ANNUAL AKC DETECTION
DOG CONFERENCE.

For more info go to
<http://akc.org/akc-detection-task-force>

IF YOU ARE A BREEDER OR
OWNER OF THE MOST NEEDED
BREEDS, SPREAD THE WORD.

SPORTING BREEDS ARE THE MOST
IN DEMAND TO WORK IN PUBLIC
SETTINGS, SUCH AS, LABRADOR
RETRIEVERS, GERMAN SHORTHAIRED
POINTERS, GERMAN WIREHAIRD
POINTERS, VIZSLAS.

LET YOUR NATIONAL BREED CLUBS
KNOW ABOUT THE NEED.

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AKC DETECTION DOG TASK FORCE



ASSISTING AND SUPPORTING
THE DOMESTIC PRODUCTION
OF DETECTION DOGS
FOR OUR NATIONAL
SECURITY

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB,
(AKC), HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE
ADVOCATE FOR
PURPOSE-BRED DOGS THAT HAVE
THE SKILLS, ABILITY AND
BREEDING THAT PRODUCE THE
TRAITS NEEDED FOR DETECTION
DOGS TO
SUCCESSFULLY PERFORM
THEIR IMPORTANT JOBS.



THE CHALLENGE WE FACE:

There is a dire need for more qualified dogs to perform the role of explosive detection canines in the United States.

Most of the working dogs used by city, state and federal agencies in the United States have been imported from overseas.

As terrorists activities increase, so does the demand for these talented dogs.

Other countries now face similar threats and are also competing for these dogs, contributing to the worldwide shortage.



AKC Vice President of Government Relations, Shelia Goffe testified at a congressional hearing in October regarding the dire need for more dogs to protect our country.

"Experts recognize that there is no better or more efficient way to detect explosives than through the use of highly, specially trained scent detector dogs. Since the terrorist attacks on 9-11, and subsequent attacks world wide, global demand for this quality dog has skyrocketed."

"She went on to say "A shortage of appropriate, domestically-bred dogs available for work as explosive detection dogs presents a significant threat to US security."



What greater contribution can we make than to help provide detection dogs that can protect the United States of America?

Now is the time to develop our American bred detection dog program to help ensure the safety of our country and our citizens.

It is natural for The American Kennel Club to assist in meeting this national need to protect our country, and a great opportunity to promote the incredible abilities of pure-bred dogs.

The AKC's support of this issue demonstrates to the American public that purebred dogs, bred by thoughtful, purposeful, American breeders are vital to the safety and security of our country.

