

Biography for Xaro

Xaro was born in the Netherlands in 1993 and started school in January 1996. Xaro completed his training in April of 1996 and is certified with the United States Police K-9 Association. Xaro is trained to detect illegal drugs, track for suspects and/or lost children, search open areas for evidence and suspects, as well as conduct building searches. Examples of Xaro's service during his six and one-half years of service include a track of a suspect that assisted in the prosecution and conviction of a subject for sexual assaults. He located firearms that were discarded by suspects and during a narcotic search of a vehicle, Xaro found cocaine and marijuana, which led to a search of the suspect's residence that uncovered even more marijuana and cocaine. The vehicle from this incident was seized and is in use by the Police Department Narcotics Unit.

Xaro did his part to keep the schools "drug free" by conducting numerous narcotic searches of lockers. Xaro is also well known by children and adults in the community for his friendly demeanor during many K-9 demonstrations given in schools, organizations, and at various events in the community.

Xaro is truly an excellent working dog who performed admirably and will be a hard partner to replace.

Biography for Kopper

Kopper was born in the Netherlands in 1991 and started school in August 1994. Kopper completed his training as Top Dog in December of 1994 and is certified with the United States Police K-9 as Police Dog I and II. Kopper is trained to detect illegal drugs, track for suspects and/or lost children, search open areas for evidence and suspects, as well as conduct building searches. Kopper apprehended his first suspect on his first day of work with the Town of Chapel Hill. Over his eight years of service Kopper has tracked down and caught many perpetrators for assaults, armed robbery, and locating marijuana. Kopper's prescience led to the safe arrest of a man that was intent on committing suicide. Kopper will do anything to protect his handler.

Kopper is also a friendly dog who made many friends and showed great delight in K-9 demonstrations for children in schools. Kopper's retirement plans include taking care of Koryn and Trey, visiting the ocean to walk on the beach, and help train the new guy Otto.

Kopper has been the best partner a K-9 police officer could ask for and although his physical abilities slowed towards the end of his career, his desire to work never demished.