



Working Canine Critical Care Clinic

Working dogs play a critical role in protecting the public and responding in times of disasters with their remarkable endurance, stunning agility, heightened sense of smell and keen hearing. Some of these highly specialized canines detect narcotics, explosives and human remains, while others are trained for patrol work, locating those missing in disasters and even detecting illegally confiscated wildlife and critical evidence.

Because these tireless canine heroes often perform under adverse conditions in stressful environments, they may become injured in the field, far away from medical assistance. That's why Ohio Disaster Search Dogs is partnering with Penn Vet Working Dog Center and Owens Community College, Center for Emergency Preparedness, is hosting a Working Dog Critical Care Clinic for these highly specialized local, state and federal working dog teams and those who may have to treat them in the field. This clinic will be taught by renowned University of Pennsylvania, Critical Care Veterinarian and Director of Penn Vet Working Dog Center (www.PennVetWDC.org), Dr. Cindy Otto.

The two-day Working Canine Critical Care Clinic will instruct canine handlers and participants on how to treat these specialized canines under emergent conditions when immediate care may not be available.

Topics include how to maintain and assess vital functions, treating canine trauma, hemorrhage, fractures, sprain/strains, dehydration, heat, cold, toxicity, airway maintenance and nose care. Many dogs place heavy demands on their musculoskeletal system. Just as professional athletes regularly work with trainers and sports medicine professionals, working canines susceptible to the same types of stresses should also condition to protect against injury. Dr. Otto will discuss the different strengthening and conditioning options available to handlers to maintain an injury free, mission ready partner.

Each lecture session concludes with hands-on exercises where attendees can practice procedures.

CEU's are available for attendees.

The course will be held January 19 & 20, 2013 at Owens College, Center for Emergency Preparedness, 30150 Tracy Road, Walbridge, OH 43465.

Cost: \$170

Course is limited to 20 working spots- please specify if you will bring your K9 partner.

Hotel Accommodations:
Baymont Inn and Suites
2600 Lauren Lane
Northwood, OH 43619
419-662-1200

K9 partners are welcome; \$80 per night per double, non-smoking room. Reference Room Block: K9 (Continental Breakfast is available free of charge)

K9 participants will have an opportunity to participate in the Penn Vet Working Dog Center, AKC CAR Detection Dog DNA Bank.

Contact Info@ohiodisastersearchdogs.org for more information and to register.