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OPERATIONAL CANINE DIVISION

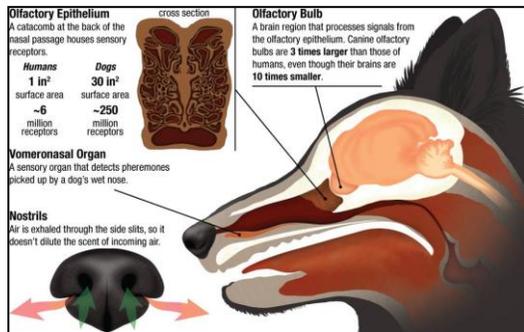
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Detection & Apprehension Canine Defeat Course

In the 21st century, American special operations forces & intelligence units must work in many types of operational environments. In many cases, these Units do not want to be detected or tracked by the enemy. Most of these enemies employ trained and untrained canines to hunt American operators & agents.



At an estimated global population of nine hundred million, dogs are found on every continent and being utilized as an extremely effective and low-cost option of detection. Even though the physical attributes vary drastically across the broad spectrum of breeds, there is one thing they all have in common, their heightened sense of smell.



At up to one hundred thousand times greater than that of the human, the dog's olfactory system outperforms any piece of man operated equipment in relation to detection and vastly minimizes the amount of manpower and time needed to perform the same tasks for only a fraction of the overhead.

Like any tool of war, the capabilities are not exclusive to one side. Canine teams are now being professionally trained on all fronts by almost all factions. Detection canine training and employment is well researched and documented.



Recent studies performed at border control crossings and international airports by the Department of Homeland Security have stated that detection probability of targeted items is increased by 75% when augmented with a detection canine versus the use of manmade equipment alone.



In 2005 the **Beijing Customs Department** enacted a breeding program to dramatically increase the number of canines being worked just within the confines of the Beijing International airport.

As of June 2018, it is reported that there are an estimated 200 detection canines being worked in the disciplines of narcotics, explosives, wildlife, firearms, electronic storage devices, microchips and tracking.

Cuba has a long history of using detection canines with a specific concentration in tracking and personal detection. The Cuban trained and bred bloodhound was so revered that they were used by the US Military during WWII to track and alert on enemy personal and locate enemy caches.

The **Iranian** government has banned all personal dogs from riding in vehicles, dog walking or having a dog in any public setting and despite having such a negative perception of dogs, in late 2017, Iran inaugurated its first center for training detection canines.

The Global Canine Threat

The canine remains the most cost effective and reliable means of detection, tracking, guarding and apprehension globally and will work for anyone with a tennis ball...

"To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the constant popularity of dogs." -Aldous Huxley

3-Day CANINE DEFEAT COURSE

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In 2002 the **Russian** government, through selective breeding and genetic modification, designed a species of canine (Shalaika) specifically to perform in harsh environments.

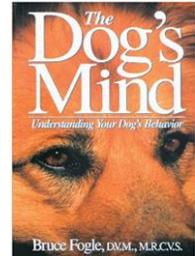
It is reported that this new breed of working-class canine is capable of conducting detection in temperatures as low as -95° F and as high as 104° F while maintaining a remarkable 95% accuracy rate.

Though we know the effectiveness of detection canines, very little training has been focused on how to thwart these canine capabilities and mitigate their effect on the battlefield.



Though it is no secret that the canine has played an interictal role on the battlefield since the early 7th century, very little has been taught by means of thwarting and defeating these canine teams. Gryphon Group's **3-Day Detection & Apprehension Canine Defeat Course** concentrates on educating and empowering the American warfighter with the knowledge and tools to confidently countermeasure the canine threat in both permissive and non-permissive settings.

The Canine Defeat Course begins by covering canine physiology and external motivators that are ultimately the root of why a canine performs a specific discipline and to help break and/or prevent an anthropomorphic perception. During this block the students will learn how Law of Primacy (LOP) is incorporated during a canine's training as well as different training methodologies that canine trainers regularly incorporate during the shaping and building phases of: odor detection, tracking, trailing and apprehension.



The next phase of training will cover odor theory and how the canine discerns a target odor as well as how a canine handler receives subtle feedback from his/her canine when in odor and the different types of alerts that is typically performed by a detector canine. Also, how the physical terrain, temperature, wind, odor availability, novelty odors, threshold and time all play a role in the canine's odor detection effectiveness and how to use these common denominators to the evader's advantage.



Students will then be taught different courses of action to take that will greatly mitigate the chances of becoming detected if the threat of use of an enemy canine team is believed to be present, as well as different countermeasures that can be used to disguise, mask and/or redirect detection of caches or items being transported, in both permissive and non-permissive settings.

Lastly, we will cover a realistic approach to neutralizing an attack/apprehension canine if the situation arises that engaging in direct conflict with the canine is unavoidable. Students will be taught proper ways to target a bite as well as actions to take to occupy the canine when on a bite so as to minimize physical damage, items to be used as field expedient bite bars and how to gain control and ultimately neutralize the canine.



COUNTERING CANINE TRACKER TEAMS

Every country today utilizes some type canines in their law enforcement agencies, militaries, and internal security forces. There is a high probability that the U.S. personnel will encounter them and work against them. During this program, each student will learn the fundamentals of how these Canine Tracker Teams work and Canine-Tracker Team Countermeasure TTP's:

- T – Time = How long have you been pursued
- E – Environment = How can you maximize the environment for your needs
- D – Distance = How far do you have to travel
- D – Deception = Scent dispersal, misdirection and countermeasures

The students will conduct hands-on exercises with highly trained Canine-Tracker Teams hunting them during the FTX.





Gryphon's **3-Day Detection & Apprehension Canine Defeat Course** will train operators & agents in the following 7 critical areas:

1. Canine Physiology
2. Canine Training Methodologies, Instincts and Drives
3. Environmental Effects on Odor Trails and Odor Pools
4. Permeability Considerations of Controlled-Item Storage Containers
5. Considerations of Cache Locations:
 - a. Residential Environments
 - b. Austere Environments
6. Mitigating/Preventing Detection by an Enemy Canine Tracker/Trailing Team
 - a. Austere Environments
 - b. Populated Environments
7. Mitigating/Preventing Effectiveness of Imminent Contact with an Apprehension Canine

Detection Defeat

- Creating a Decoy Odor
- Storage permeability and transportation of controlled items considerations practical exercises
- Local Economy Items Suitable for Odor Control
- Storage and placement of controlled items residential demonstrations and practical exercises
- Environmental placement considerations of external cache location demonstrations and exercises

Mitigating/Preventing Personal Detection of an Enemy Canine Tracker/Trailing Team

- Escape and Evade Lane Practical Exercises (Rural Environment)
- Environmental Effects on Odor
- Common Misconceptions of Canine Capabilities

Mitigating/Preventing Effectiveness of Imminent Contact with an Apprehension Canine

- Actions Upon Contact with an Apprehension Canine (Bite Dog)
- Most Common Apprehension Canine Bite Techniques vs Common Dog Bite
- Creating a Bite Bar
- Mitigating the Effectiveness of a Canine Bite
- Controlling and Removing a Canine from a Bite



TRAINING SCHEDULE:

This schedule is only a guide to the events during the course. The actual timeline and flow will depend on the student performance, weather and team feedback to allow for TTP development.

Day One: Muster 0830 at Gryphon Group's Fort Bragg Combat Training Center (FBCTC)
16780 Airbase Rd, Maxton, NC28364

- In Processing, Orientation & Safety (Brief)
- Canine Global Threat (Brief)
- Canine Physiology (Brief)
- Canine Psychology, Training Methods & Drives (Brief)
- Odor Theory & Odor Behaviors (Brief)
- Detection Defeat Block (Controlled Items)



Day Two – Muster 0800 at Gryphon Group’s Fort Bragg Combat Training Center (FBCTC)
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- Detection Defeat Block (Controlled Items) Continued
- Detection Defeat Block (Caches)

Day Three – Muster 0800 at Gryphon Group’s Fort Bragg Combat Training Center (FBCTC)
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- Mitigating/Preventing Personal Detection of an Enemy Canine Tracker/Trailing Team Block
- Mitigating/Preventing Effectiveness of Imminent Contact with an Apprehension Canine
- Graduation

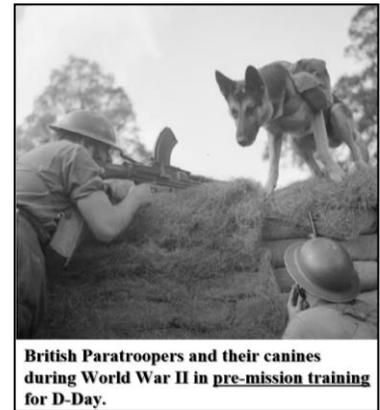


All of Gryphon’s training programs are based upon these “Universal Truths of the Battle-field”. These “truths” do not change from war to war, battle to battle, firefight to firefight. The Human Mind, Human Nature & the Human Body are always the same during every war.

Gryphon focuses on these “Human Factors” when preparing American Warfighters to be more “survivable” in combat. These universal principles are applicable to ANY battlefield in ANY region, therefore, resulting in training results that are long-lasting in each War-Fighter or Agent...

“The Universal Truths of Canine Defeat” are:

- ❖ Your Mind should be your primary weapon system... Not the Gun!
- ❖ If it exists, it has a distinguishable odor picture!
- ❖ First goal, Avoid Detection... If you cannot, minimize its effectiveness!
- ❖ Be Self-Aware... You tell the Enemy Where, When, & How to Hit you!
- ❖ Locate Thresholds, Draft Ways, & Scent Pool areas!
- ❖ The Environment and Combat Stress are just as dangerous as the Enemy!
- ❖ What you do before the fight is as important as what you do during the fight!
- ❖ The canine is only as good as its handler; Defeat the handler and you defeat the Canine!
- ❖ Think like the enemy & operate two or three moves ahead of them!





Director of the Gryphon Group's Operational Canine Division
Travis Bobo

Sergeant First Class Travis Bobo (U.S. Army Special Forces Retired) has over 16 years of active military service and has world-wide operational experience. His career began as a Fire Direction Control Specialist for Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS) and High Mobility Advanced Rocket Systems (HIMARS) and conducted multiple combat rotations in Afghanistan in support of the United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC).

In 2010, Mr. Bobo was selected to attend the Special Forces Qualification Course and graduated as a Special Forces Communications Sergeant in May of 2012 and assigned to 3rd Special Forces Group. He conducted 2 rotations to Afghanistan as a senior communications sergeant before volunteering to be assigned as Multi-Purpose Canine (MPC) Handler in late 2014.

During his time as an operational canine handler, Mr. Bobo deployed to multiple countries in Africa as well as ISO JSOC during Operation Inherent Resolve. He has attended over 1,200 hours of formal training on training MPC canines in all areas of canine capability.

Mr. Bobo is a graduate of the Special Forces Qualification Course, SERE-High Risk, Military Freefall Parachutist Course, USASOC Jumpmaster Course, Special Forces Communications Course and is a graduate of the International Sports Science Association (ISSA) Personal Training Certification Course.

Gryphon pricing is very reasonable and based upon the quality of the training and developing a "long-term relationship" with the Unit.

The per person price for the **3-Day Detection & Apprehension Canine Defeat Course** will depend upon the total number of personnel to be trained and the number of classes being contracted.

Call Gryphon Group today to get detailed information on this course and to reserve your slots at 910-844-4202 or email Travis Bobo direct at bobot@gryphonsecurity.com.

Operational Canine Division

Gryphon Group's Operational Canine Division's mission is to ensure that America's Special Operators, War-Fighters, and Law Enforcement Officer's Operational Canines receive the same quality of training as their human counterparts.

Our programs are taught by top Gryphon Cadre Instructors who have utilized Multi-Purpose Canines in dozens of real-world combat operations and special operations missions around the world.

To ensure real world application across the broad spectrum of all canine disciplines, Gryphon Group's OCD Cadre are carefully selected and must demonstrate an above industry standard of working knowledge and validated live "in the field" experience.



Go to www.gryphonsecurity.com and click on the Operational Canine Division link to view a video brief on Gryphon's cutting-edge operational canine programs .

