

CANINE SEARCH TEAM TRAINING
Hosted by the Massachusetts Rescue and Recovery K9 Unit, Inc.

WAIVER AGREEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Massachusetts Rescue and Recovery K9 Unit, Inc. ("MARK9") performs search dog training exercises on various private and public properties located in and around the New England area. Locations primarily used by MARK9 include, but are not limited to, various public and state parks, private lands, open fields, wooded lands, occupied and abandoned buildings, rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands and any other private or public property located throughout the New England area.

My name is _____ and I am attending and/or participating in said MARK9 search dog training exercises in my capacity as:

_____ A current member of MARK9;

_____ A current member of the _____:
(Name of search and rescue unit)

_____ A news-reporter affiliated with _____; or
(Name of News Agency)

_____ Other _____.
(Description of activity bringing you on-site (ie, Observer, Helper, Person hiding for SAR dog, etc.)

I understand and acknowledge the inherent risks involved in attending and/or participating in MARK9 search dog trainings that are held in and around the public and/or private lands as above-described and which may contain, at a minimum, shifting terrain and unknown forest debris or man-made hazards. I understand and acknowledge that these dangers exist when training in the daylight and that such dangers may be increased when training at night or in otherwise darkened interiors when dangers to myself or to my dog are not visible. I also understand and acknowledge the inherent risks of training search and rescue dogs which, when being trained, may inadvertently and/or intentionally nip, bite, knock me off balance or otherwise hurt either my body and/or equipment. To reduce the safety risks associated with my presence at MARK9 search dog training, I agree to limit my access to only those areas directly designated by MARK9 personnel. I further agree that I will wear personal safety equipment suggested by MARK9, including long-sleeve shirt, long-pants, baseball cap, hard-soled boots and leather gloves, at all times, when participating in search dog training exercises.

Notwithstanding these limitations, I expressly agree to hold harmless and release MARK9, along with its respective agents, directors and employees, as well as any private or public property owner on whose property I am training, from any and all responsibility and/or liability for any and all situations or occurrences which may result from my presence and/or involvement in such MARK9 search dog training exercises.

Signature: _____

Date: _____