



Suzanne and her dogs have twenty years of experience in K9 search and rescue and have deployed on hundreds of missions as they have been inserted by helicopter to search high snowfields on Mt Rainier, traversed steep forested slopes searching for a clandestine grave, searched for victims in the largest landslide disaster in Washington State history, or urban missions searching for lost children or subjects with dementia.

Suzanne was awarded the State of Washington Search and Rescue Leadership Award in 2017. She has been recognized by Everett Mountain Rescue for her contributions as a prior board member and the Snohomish County Volunteer Search and Rescue K9 Team as someone who was instrumental in building one of the largest and most committed K9 teams in the State of Washington. She is currently the President of Cascadia Search Dogs, an organization devoted to sponsoring high

quality training for K9 teams in all disciplines of search and rescue. She has been certified in Airscent Wilderness, Human Remains Detection, Avalanche and First Responder Disaster with K9 Keb, her senior Labrador retriever. She is currently deployable through Mason County as a human remains detection team, a discipline she is also introducing to her newest K9 family member, Labrador retriever Kili. Suzanne's first search dog Bosse passed away after 16 years of service in search and rescue.

Suzanne's commitment to high standards and becoming the very best she can be with her working dogs has led her to certify as a professional SAR K9 team with nationally recognized organizations such as the North American Police Working Dog Association (NAPWDA) and the National Search Dog Alliance (NSDA). She is a Principal Evaluator with NSDA in several disciplines including human remains detection. As a dedicated member of the K9 search and rescue community she volunteers her time helping to coach other teams, speak at conferences and write articles to challenge the status quo and "bust myths." Follow this link for an example: [K-9 Cop Magazine: Lessons Learned from the OSO Landslide](#)

As a Karen Pryor Certified Training partner, she is committed to positive reinforcement training approaches. Suzanne and her dogs also participate in dog sports such as agility, dock jumping, rally and obedience.