

Cascadia Search Dogs



At 10 months of age, an out of control K-9 Glacier (then Dozer) was brought to Trina Eddy for obedience and behavioral training. Trina, an established SAR volunteer with intentions of joining the K-9 team, saw his potential, but in no way wanted to live with this crazy GSD. Two weeks after Glacier returned to his home, Trina was contacted by his owner's son asking for help to rehome him. Trina spent two weeks looking for a good home for this now somewhat trained, high energy project before the owner's son contacted her begging to give him a try with SAR. Trina begrudgingly agreed to a two-week trial in which she fell deeply in love with this highly driven, loyal, willing to please, still crazy GSD. They excitedly contacted the SCVSAR K-9 team ready to get training underway and certify.

To their dismay, there was a six-month period designated to learning navigation skills using maps, compass and GPS, radio communications, Wilderness 1st Aid, medical examinations, flagging, search planning, a physical test and hiding and following skills. With some resistance, she accepted that the K-9 team has a higher set of standards, realized these were necessary and valuable skills, but continued to prioritize K-9 training over her own. Trina completed her field support certification days before Glacier certified for Wilderness Airscent in 2017. With recertification scheduled for early 2019, they plan to certify in Wilderness Airscent with Large Source. Trina's aims to become a

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more valuable resource, led them to join Cascadia Search Dogs in 2018 to pursue Trailing and become a regional asset.

Glacier earned his CGC October 7th, 2016 and AKC Trick Dog Titles Novice & Intermediate October 24th, 2018.

Trina is a professional dog trainer by trade with a passion for scent work dating back to 1987. She was introduced to how amazing the dog's sense of smell is by assisting her mother with a project teaching dogs to search out bad wine corks. Since the cork project, she has taught dogs to alert on drugs, explosives, mold, high and low blood sugar levels, rats, keys, cellphones, sheds, medical supplies, people, pets and other objects. She takes advantage of any learning opportunities and participates in and teaches various workshops and seminars on dog training. Trina and Glacier love their partnership, the opportunity to be a part CSD, and to serve the community by doing what they love.