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FRRD AND ELDORA TEAM UP

Front Range Rescue Dogs and Eldora Mountain Resort have teamed up for avalanche rescue in Boulder County. During the 2005 ski season, Eldora ski patrollers and FRRD avalanche dogs and handlers worked together at Eldora on avalanche rescue tactics.

Talks are underway for a new avi-dog rescue and training program at the Eldora Mountain Resort. Eldora would like FRRD to respond to avalanches in the Eldora area and Boulder County would like Eldora ski patrollers to respond to avalanches along the continental divide area in Boulder County. This mutual aid will help victims caught in avalanches by adding certified avalanche dogs to the Eldora area and ski patrollers to the rest of the county.

The program proposes to have FRRD avalanche qualified dogs work at the resort on weekends during the peak avalanche season. Avi-dogs in training would have access to the ski area and ski patrollers would train with the dogs on a monthly basis.

Flight For Life has an avalanche deploy-



Yellow (Chamonix), Black (Drakos), and Brown (Tika) labs at Eldora avalanche training.

ment program in which a helicopter picks up an avi-dog, the handler, and an avalanche tech and flies them to an avalanche scene. Eldora and FRRD aim to work together to have the most qualified people on the helicopter during an avalanche in Boulder County.

The new relationship between FRRD and Eldora will combine avalanche rescue resources and therefore make the county safer for skiers, snowboarders and other winter outdoor enthusiasts.

FRRD WOULD LIKE TO SALUTE AND THANK A LONG-TIME MEMBER

JENNER BY THE SEA
September 22, 1992 – June 8, 2004

Handler: Ann Wichman
FEMA Type I, Wilderness Air
Scent, SHR, CGC

Jenner was one of those dogs, right from the start, who just wanted to be good! Jenner qualified as an operational air-scent search dog with Front Range Rescue Dogs in 1994.

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At the same time, in a parallel training mode, we were working on his certification as a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster dog. Jenner achieved the Type II (Basic) standard in October of 1994, and continued disaster work throughout his life.

Jenner was one of the earliest dogs in the country to achieve the Type I

(Advanced) certification in August of 1995, and was one of the founding dogs of Colorado Task Force 1. Jenner was certified as a Ranger Service Dog with the City of Boulder Mountain Parks. Jenner was our principal "trainer" for new handlers, humbling many who thought they could hold onto that toy!

Jenner worked a dou-

ble duty at the World Trade Center, locating the victims of the disaster, and providing incredible solace and grief therapy to the workers.

He is loved and missed.

Ann Wichman
FRRD Handler



Jenner, 1992-2004

2004 STATISTICS

Boulder County is one of the busiest places in the country for search and rescue. In 2004, Front Range Rescue Dogs was called to search for victims 49 times. In addition to searching for lost parties, FRRD is sometimes called to help locate injured victims so

they can be evacuated by rescue and medical teams.

We had several successful finds and assists in 2004. We were called for 18 lost hikers, six lost children, three hunters, two bicyclists, two boaters, four skiers, two elderly, one climber, one angler, one snowmobiler, five sui-

cidal parties and four others.

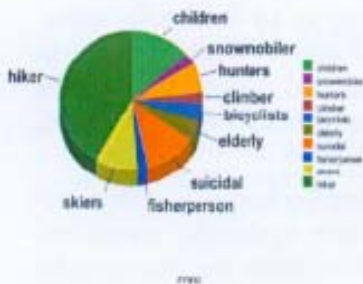
FRRD is now training urban/suburban trailing dogs. We look forward to helping law enforcement agencies and the Sheriff's department with these types of searches.

DOG AVALANCHE TACTICS—THESE POINTS ARE EXCERPTS FROM A LARGER AVALANCHE TACTICS DOCUMENT

- Beacons set on transmit (probably).
- Probe dog's weak alerts to provide better air movement.
- Be aware of danger to self and dog (especially adjacent slopes that have not slid).
- Dog alerts should be flagged differently than everything else.
- Do not leave debris by yourself and do not leave without notifying your supervisor.
- Do not allow your dog to urinate or defecate on the debris (if they do, get it and the surrounding snow down wind of the debris ASAP).
- Scent articles?
- If dog moves a clue, try to get it back to its original location and mapped correctly.
- You dig faster than your dog.
- Trust your dog.

Sparhawk
Retired FRRD Handler

FRRD Search Calls, 2004



DOG TEST UPDATES AND NEW OPERATIONAL MEMBERS

Congratulations to our newest search teams:

Buster and his handler Ryan qualified in wilderness air scent search in 2004, avalanche search in 2005, and are continuing to train in wilderness trailing and water search.

Congratulations to Torie and Ann for qualifying in wilderness air scent.

Rascal and her handler Terrie recently qualified in airscent.

Congratulations to Chamonix and Justin and Shiloh and Erik for

passing their obedience tests.

Welcome to our new operational support members: Robert, Ken, Justin, April, Pam, Erik, Sarah and Steve.

There are many new dogs in the group in various stages of training: Seeker,

Ballotin, Chamonix, Lola, Onyx, Rene, Cyrus, Stella, Ankh, Seba, Stoner, Shilo, Packer, and Guy.

Good luck to all of the dogs in training.



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FRRD GOING TO NATIONAL CANINE TYPING

In the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Department of Homeland Security developed the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS is intended to create an efficient and comprehensive national framework for emergency preparedness, response, and incident management. One of the fundamental ideas behind NIMS is that all responders should use common definitions when ordering or receiving assets through mutual aid. To achieve this goal the NIMS Integration Center and FEMA created re-

source typing definitions for 120 different kinds of resources, including search dog teams.

FRRD will be affected by NIMS in several ways in the near future. Beginning in 2006, FRRD will be required to have "typed" resources in order to receive DOLA grants. In addition, all members were required to complete the NIMS IS700 ICS training class in 2005.

FRRD currently has eight Type I wilderness airscent dogs and three Type I avalanche dogs. The typing for disaster dogs is the same as the

FEMA standards for Type I and Type II dogs. Currently there are 2 Type I disaster dogs and 3 Type II disaster dogs. Although we have no current water search dogs, our qualification standard is equivalent to a Type II resource.

Front Range Rescue Dogs has always held teams to very stringent qualification standards. While our standards will remain unchanged, working within a national system will help FRRD work more effectively with other teams on inter-agency calls.

Lauren Whittemore
FRRD Handler

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committed to serving
our community."*

FRISCO FUND AND LOGAN FUND

Various funds have been established in honor of notable search dogs from FRRD. These funds allow donors to help support the needs of our dogs and continued education for handlers.

As a memorial to Frisco, a qualified search dog with FRRD, the Frisco fund was set up so people can make donations to support rescue dogs and their veterinarian needs. The fund is available to qualified search and rescue (SAR) dogs to help cover vet expenses and, once sufficient funds are available,

will help pay for dog health insurance.

The Logan Fund, established in 1996 in honor of certified search dog Logan, helps fund handlers who want to pursue additional SAR canine training. SAR trainings often involve flying both dogs and handlers to seminars around the country as well as paying for experts to come to Colorado to train our dogs. Furthermore, the Logan Fund helps to cover the costs of classes such as avalanche certifications for operational supports and handlers.

If you are interested in contributing to either of these funds please contact the information line at (303) 441-4985.

Checks (made out to Front Range Rescue Dogs) can be mailed to: P.O. Box 18181, Boulder, CO 80308.

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