



## **Two Day Handler/ First Responder Advanced Scope**

### **Program Overview**

The Two Day Handler program is designed for K9 handlers and first responders, so you'll be prepared to respond effectively in any emergency situation involving a K9. Topics range from safe K9 handling and assessments (M3ARCH3) to treating common emergencies like heat stroke and bloat/GDV, ensuring you feel ready for real-world incidents.

ArK9MEDIC delivers this operator-level offering for those wanting a more comprehensive hands-on and scenario experience, along with the benefits of a diversified instructor cadre. Students experience interactive lectures and demos and also get hands-on with all-class practice sessions. Skill stations focus on a particular field skill and ensure that each student has accurate muscle memory to ensure skillful delivery long after the class is complete. Primary interventions are repeated until students can do them, literally, blindfolded. Each station is designed to build on existing knowledge and translate human medical skills to canine anatomy. Assessment skills are performed on live and our high-fidelity SIM dogs, going beyond basic vitals to teach students how to conduct ongoing observations and to identify and prevent injuries and illness early in development. Handling includes basic carries and constraints and can include advanced handling such as harness lifts and extractions.

This course also offers the "Advanced Scope" option for those handlers and first responders who will face environments that require additional medical support. For example, we teach subcutaneous fluid administration, a simple skill that can help prevent heat injuries, a leading cause of death in Working K9S. We also include needle decompressions of the chest to treat tension pneumothorax and needle decompressions of the stomach to treat GDV/Bloat. IV fluid administration is also an option in this program level.

\*In addition to the all-class practice exercises, this format delivers additional rotations of hands-on skills stations and solo/team scenarios that put these skillsets into the "likely" field environment and require the student to put together an entire treatment sequence, problem-solving the situation as they go. Scenarios are based on the skillset, equipment, and mission profile of each team. For example, GSWs, IEDs, or collapsed building compression injuries may be included depending on the mission profile.

### **Your Training Customization**

All lectures, skills stations, and scenarios are customized to meet the exact requirements of your team with Elective Add-Ons. You may choose to customize your course with one expanded hands-on training out of the following.

\*Heat Injury Prevention/ Exertion Curve Analysis - Handlers walk away with hard vital sign and behavioral data to protect their partner before a heat emergency occurs. This involves the handler and K9 doing multiple repetitions of bite work, high-energy play, or search patterns to compose their baseline, peak work, and absolute stop parameters.

\*Expanded Tactical Scenario - Each team will be given a high fidelity scenario involving a tactical emergency, extraction, stabilization, and EMS hand-off. Sim guns, smoke, flashbangs, and dual handler/K9 down scenarios can be utilized. Downloads are required.

\*Cadaver Lab - one of the most difficult but valuable additions to the Handler programs. With an expanded cadaver lab, the handler will be able to practice each lifesaving skill multiple times while experiencing the realistic tactile sensations needed to increase your competency. This also includes beginning gross K9 anatomy, sub-Q fluid administration, XXT airway obstruction management, wound packing, and more.

## **Your Program Your Protocols**

As your agency begins new initiatives to incorporate K9 pre-veterinary emergency medical support, we can support you every step of the way. Before training begins, we can work with you and your team to establish appropriate protocols for multiple levels of existing skill sets, specific to the needs of your teams, medical direction, and any applicable compliance legislation. We also provide an individualized emergency medication card for every K9 enrolled in any course, complete with weight-based doses and prioritized.

## **Continuing Education,...We Deliver**

*Maintaining all your training certifications and responding on missions is hard enough, and there is an increasing need to support the canine element of the team. There aren't enough hours in the week to get all the training you need, and you need to get the most out of every training you do. And at the end of the day, the only training that matters is the training you remember when it's dark, cold, cramped, and you can't hear because your ears are still ringing from shots fired.*

Every student will be enrolled in the K9MEDIC Online Academy. This will allow access to free content modules, up-to-date treatment changes, and course materials to review before and after.

## **Cost Options:**

Group Pricing: Designed for a large group or multi-jurisdictional training. Offers a group discount of \$2,800 at maximum capacity.

Cost: \$7200

Maximum number of students: 25

Individual Pricing: designed for smaller departments or private trainings.

Cost: \$400 per person

Minimum number of students: 13

Maximum number of students: 17