

Michael S. Gould

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SUMMARY

Michael S. Gould is an expert witness specializing in canine behavior, dog bite analysis, police canine tactics, use of force and scent detection. With over 40 years of experience in training and supervising canine teams, Mike has used his extensive knowledge to testify in civil and criminal court cases across the country. His professional background includes founding member of the NYPD Canine Unit, Commanding Officer of Nassau County Police Department Canine Unit, US Navy veteran and FBI National Academy graduate. He formed Canine Consultants International to provide canine scent detection services to foreign and local institutions. He is the founder of Hounds Town USA, a pet care company with over 100 locations and 5 million pets under its care, as well as the President of Hounds Town Charities. Through both organizations, Michael regularly evaluates the temperaments of dogs of all age, size and breed to determine their suitability for different social environments.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CANINE BEHAVIORAL EXPERTS

2012-Present

CEO

- Provide expert witness testimony in high-profile canine cases for local, state and federal courts.
- Consult on crime scene management, canine use of force, and scent detection (narcotics, explosives, cadaver).
- Collaborate with organizations such as Stanford Law School's Center for Racial Justice on the creation of operational policies for police service dogs.
- Guest Contributor on national media outlets such as Fox 5, News Nation and AP News to opine on current canine events.

HOUNDS TOWN USA (Ronkonkoma, NY)

2000-Present

Founder

- Evaluate and assess dogs' personalities and temperaments for suitability as pets and service dogs.
- Establish advanced canine behavioral programs for private clients, municipal shelters, and non-profit rescue organizations.

CANINE CONSULTANTS INTERNATIONAL

1998-2002

President, Director of Programs

- Trained and deployed scent detection canine teams for use in high-level security details in schools, major financial institutions, cruise ships, and foreign governments.
- Provided canine teams at the World Trade Center to secure the safe re-opening of the American Stock Exchange immediately following the September 11 terrorist attacks.
- Developed seminars on effective security measures for the purpose of educating high-level executive officers on fortifying their businesses.

NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

1986-2004

Commanding Officer of the Canine Unit

- Authored the department's procedural manual for canine deployment.
- Represented Nassau County as the department's expert on police canines including the use of force, deployment, and tactics.
- Provided testimony in internal hearings, investigations, criminal cases, and civil cases.
- Selected and examined police officers and canines for suitability in police canine work.
- Trained and deployed patrol, explosive, narcotic, cadaver, and detector dogs.
- Planned and supervised security details for foreign dignitaries and political figures, including two Presidents of the United States.

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

1979-1986

Police Officer; Canine Trainer, Examiner, and Instructor

- Instructed NYPD personnel and other law enforcement agencies in the proper deployment and use of police canines.
- Trained police personnel in the use of force in relation to police canines.
- Trained canine unit members on proper handling techniques and matters related to search and seizure.
- Evaluated and assessed dogs for suitability as police service dogs (PSD).

UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

1973-2002

Physical Security Specialist and Trainer

- Trained military personnel in counter-terrorism techniques and the proper use and deployment of Military Working Dogs (MWD).
- Served as a physical security specialist in Naples, Italy, post-September 11, 2001.
- Supervised a 15-person anti-terrorist security team, which included Military Working Dog teams.
- Served on both active and reserved military duty from 1973-2002.

EDUCATION

FBI National Academy, 1998

Nassau County Police Canine Academy, 1995

Suffolk County Police Canine Academy, 1994

Nassau County Police Supervisor's School, 1992

Nassau County Police Academy, 1986

NYPD Canine Academy, 1983

NYC Transit Police Canine Academy, 1982

NYPD Police Academy, 1979

State University of New York, Bachelor of Science 1988

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- United States Police Canine Association (*1982-present*)
- New York State Bureau of Municipal Police (BMP) Certified Canine Trainer and Examiner of Police Patrol, Tracking, and Scent Detection Dogs (*Retired*)
- New York State Bureau of Municipal Police Certified Instructor (*Retired*)
- United States Navy Law Enforcement Certified Instructor (*Retired*)