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**Penn Working Dog Center**

The Penn Working Dog Center is a part of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine and serves as a national research and development center for detection dogs. Detection dogs remain the best tool in the security and law enforcement arsenal to detect and mitigate potential threats and are critical for the detection of victims of natural and man-made disasters.

The training of working dogs began in 2012 at the Center; since then twenty-one (21) canine partners have been placed. Ten (10) dogs are certified and working in Search and Rescue; nine (9) dogs have been placed in working positions with police departments and two (2) are privately owned medical detection dogs. Of those placed with police departments five (5) are dual purpose, and four (4) are single purpose with tracking and article search training.

If you would like further information about the working dog program, or are interested in visiting the center and speaking to the administrative and/or training staff, please call Annemarie DeAngelo, Training Director at 215.898.2215.

If you would like to discuss the canine program from the University Police perspective, please call Capt. Jerry Leddy, 215.898.0292.

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