

Sharon Ward Oregon K9 Team Recertifies with National Search Dog Alliance in Human Remains Detection

Sharon Ward's Oregon K9 Team gets recertified by the National Search Dog Alliance in detecting human remains.



Portland, Oregon Dec 19, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Rogue Living search and rescue handler Sharon Ward and her certified canine partner K9 Leela have successfully completed recertification in **Land Human Remains Detection** (HRD) through the National Search Dog Alliance ([NSDA](https://www.nsdanet.org)). This accomplishment reinforces the team's operational readiness and strengthens the professional reputation of Sharon Ward Oregon within the search and rescue community.

(Pictured) Sharon Ward Facebook: Congratulations Sharon Ward with K9 Leela from Oregon on their Land HRD Recertification

The NSDA certification is recognized across the United States by search and rescue organizations, public safety agencies, and law enforcement partners. During the evaluation, K9 Leela demonstrated reliable detection of human decomposition odor across varied terrain, environmental conditions, and search scenarios. She also proved proficiency in building and vehicle search tasks. The assessment requires precise teamwork, endurance, odor recognition, and consistent performance across multiple testing stations.

"I am incredibly proud of Leela's hard work and focus," said Sharon Ward. "This recertification allows us to continue supporting Oregon and the broader Pacific Northwest with professional, reliable HRD search capability."

With this recertification, Sharon Ward and K9 Leela remain fully deployable for official HRD missions,

assisting law enforcement agencies, emergency managers, and regional search and rescue teams throughout Oregon and neighboring States.

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