Institute for Canine Forensics

Specializing in Locating Historic and Prehistoric Burials
A Non-Invasive Search Tool to Locate Human Remains

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Many Different Kinds of Search Dogs

- Casualty Dog
- Live Find
- Disaster
- Cadaver
- Human Remains
- Avalanche
Historical Human Remains Detection Dogs
Are methodical and work with their heads down
Specialists and Never cross trained on other scents
Archaeologists use a Wide Range of Multi-disciplinary Techniques to Locate Historic and Prehistoric Sites.

- Oral History
- Historical Records
- Physical Remains
- Ground Reconnaissance
- Remote Sensing
Just Another Tool

- Combining different tools gives a more complete picture
- HHRD trained dogs are just another tool
Untraditional Remote Sensing

Canine Remote Scenting
Predictive Model

Tse-whit-zen Village site, Port Angeles, WA
November 2009
Preserving Native American & Pioneer Burials
Scent Lasts a Long time
Czech Republic 9th Century Village

Originally worked in July 2005, bones were removed, then again in September
El Presidio de Santa Barbara

Chapel built 1787
Historic Records Show 51 Burials Under the Floor
Ocotillo - Wind Turbine

The Manzanita Band of Kumeyaay Nation
May 2012

Native American monitors help identify possible burial features and where to focus the dogs
HHRD Dog Uses Surface Scent to Locate burials through cracks in asphalt

Oahu, 2010
Soldiers Graves

Oregon, 2016
Hidalgo Pauper Cemetery TX
November 2017
Santa Rosa
Recovering human cremains from the ashes
October 2017

38 homes searches
48 sets of cremains recovered
The Search for Amelia

2017

The Earhart Project

The Earhart Project is testing the hypothesis that Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan landed, and eventually died, on Gardner Island, now Nikumaroro in the Republic of Kiribati.
Goose Lake WWII Plane Crash
Oregon / California October 2014
Over 70 years underwater, the scent still remains
...it has been demonstrated in this study and others that trained dogs do appear to be able to differentiate between the scents of human and nonhuman skeletal remains.

The study demonstrated that use of dog teams has some advantages over traditional geophysical survey techniques...

Find the complete study on the ICFK9.org website, front page.
Using a Scientific Approach
Research
John Snyder Burial

The full report from the Overland Journal can be found on the ICFK9.org website.
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