

ORS 167.310(7)

(7) “Law enforcement animal” means a dog or horse used in law enforcement work under the control of a corrections officer, parole and probation officer, police officer or youth correction officer, as those terms are defined in ORS 181.610, who has successfully completed at least 360 hours of training in the care and use of a law enforcement animal, or who has passed the demonstration of minimum standards established by the Oregon Police Canine Association or other accredited and recognized animal handling organization.

Oregon Police Canine Association (OPCA) Objectives

- To promote friendship and brotherhood among all those interested in the training and use of the canine in police work.
- To improve the abilities of the canine, thereby rendering better service to the community.
- To coordinate the exchange of any techniques of training or utilization of the police service dog.
- To improve the image of the working police dog in the populace in general through improved public service in the prevention and detection of crime.
- To aid and assist those law enforcement agencies making application for information concerning the establishment of canine sections within their respective governmental agencies.
- To have a skilled organization available and open for consultation by any government agency.
- To pass proposals, resolutions, amendments, etc. submitted by an Executive Board for the good of the Association.
- To coordinate the plans for and the execution of seminars and police canine trials.
- To promote and encourage police service dog teams to pass OPCA performance standards on a yearly basis.

OPCA Board and Trainers

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Certified K-9 Teams in Oregon

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OPCA By-Laws

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