

## The Life of the Police Dog

Two Hamilton Police Dogs came to Pekerau School with their handlers. The handlers showed us some routines and explained how they train police dogs.

The German Shepherd is very intelligent and clever. The German Shepherd has very big eyes to see the people running away and can see in the dark. They also have very good hearing to hear the people's footprints and hiding in bushes. Their noses are very good because they can sniff out the clothes and footprints of the people and catch them. They don't bite they hold.

They go to school for 10 months. Trentham is one of the schools they go to. They start training in between 1-2 years old.

The equipment they use are his toy and possibly a ball also a harness, a lead. They do not wear a collar.

The commands are .... heal, sit, lay, stay, away, speak, here or come.

Track the scent of people. When the handler is being attacked 1. If the dog is being attacked 2. When the handler tells the dogs to 3. When the police is being attacked the dog will bite.

They search for and rescue people that are in danger and attacked and maybe people that are being kidnapped, or stuff like that.

Tracking offenders scent.

Educating the public like going around schools and seeing other people.

The weather will affect the scent. Wet grass will not affect the scent. Hot will affect the scent they can not smell while the weather is hot.

They feed once a day they on 1 cup of biscuits they have 1 meal a day that's dinner.

They are transported in a ute.

When the police dog is retired they give the dog to another policeman or they keep the dog.

They need a big property if they are keeping their old police dog. 5

