



**Sometimes all you Need is a Hug.
Piper and Jett have never met a stranger. They are
happy to take a break from work and share the love.**

JEAN BAPTISTE CHARBONNEAU GRAVE

Sometimes ICF trips pass historic graves which can make an interesting training session for the dogs. Recently we passed near the Charbonneau grave and took a short detour for a visit. The plaque at the graveyard best explains the historical significance of this grave.

Jean Baptiste Charbonneau
1805–1866

This site marks the final resting place of the youngest member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Born to Sacagawea and Toussaint Charbonneau at Fort Mandan (North Dakota), on February 11, 1805, Baptiste and his mother symbolized the peaceful nature of the "Corps of Discovery." Educated by Captain William Clark at St. Louis, Baptiste at 18 travelled to Europe where he spent six years becoming fluent in English, German, French and Spanish. Returning to American territories in 1829, he ranged the far west for nearly four decades as a mountain man, guide, interpreter, magistrate, and forty-niner. In 1866, he left the California gold fields for a new strike in Montana, contracted pneumonia en route, reached "Inskips Ranch" here, and died on May 16, 1866. The gravesite is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Daughters of the American Revolution placed the first marker at the gravesite in 1971.



Each dog will have their own opinion about the location of maximum scent from the grave. All three dogs chose to alert on the left side of the grave marker. Kayle indicated she had maximum scent next to the rock mound that indicates the burial spot.



Echo also alerted on left side near Kayle's alert.



All three dogs indicated maximum scent within a few feet of each other. This is a good indication that the dog's opinion is that maximum scent is a on the left side of the grave.

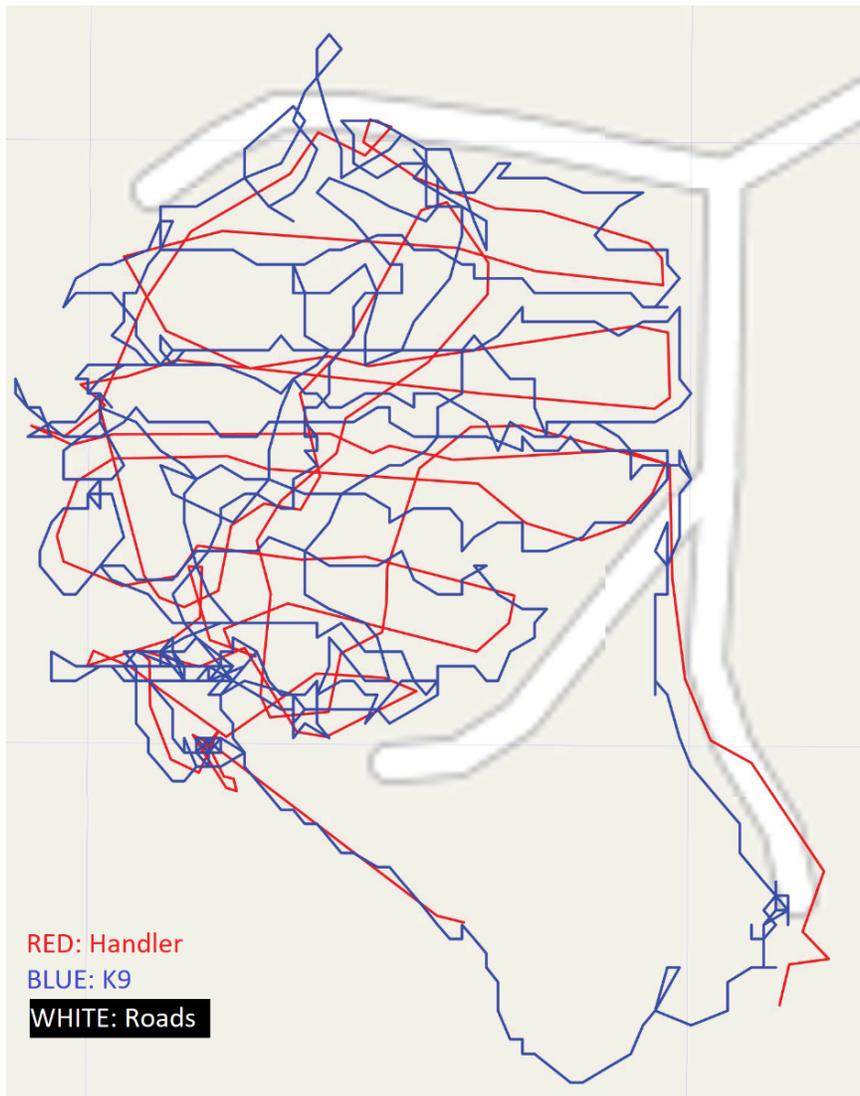
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Jasper showing off his new Garmin 200i GPS.

We are always trying to improve our work, sometimes that means new training or field techniques and sometimes it means improvements to our client report. In our client report we show the coverage using "tracks" from our GPS. For many years the tracks we used were from the GPS the handler carried. Thanks to new technology, we are now moving to using a GPS on the dogs to get a more realistic picture of the area covered. Each dog works differently and covers more area than the handler does. Since it's the dogs' scenting abilities that we are using, this new technology gives us the ability to report the actual area the dog covers. Below is a sample from a project that shows the difference between what the handler walked and where the dog worked. In some areas its dramatically different, the humans can make nice looking grid patterns but the dog follows its nose.

~Adela~



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